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Results lagging

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Michigan went to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 7, to select its candidates for the November general election. Because of issues with ballots, many precincts did not report their results, including the Pointes, by press time. Below are the results relevant to the Grosse Pointes as of 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Michigan Senate District 2
Republican
 John Hauler — 176
 Lisa Papas — 143
Democrat
 Brian Banks — 5,567

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Alex Dean and Stephanie Schaefer voted Aug. 7 at the Ferry Elementary School precinct in Grosse Pointe Woods. Both students are going to Michigan State University this fall. It was the first time voting for both. Dean turned 18 in March and Aug. 7 was Schaefer's birthday, so she celebrated by casting her first vote.

Problems at the polls

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In Michigan heat well into the 80s, Woods voters went to the ballot box to register “yes” or “no” in response to the 2018 Public Safety and Public Services Millage Proposal, but tabulation was slowed due to humid air.

Woods Mayor Robert Novitke said an email message from Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway went out late afternoon Tuesday, Aug. 7, to city government administra-

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Ordinance committee reviews rental regulations

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — With the proliferation of online short-term rental services like AirBnB, the city revisited

its existing ordinances to see if any changes were needed.

The Ordinance Review Committee, which took up the issue at its June meeting, ultimately decided the current

rental business regulations were sufficient to deal with short-term rentals.

According to the ordinances, a potential short-term rental host must have a valid landlord

business license, certificate of occupancy for the specific unit, perform background checks on any tenant older than 18 and the unit must be in an appropriately zoned area of the community.

A full criminal background check is not necessarily needed for short-term rentals. AirBnB hosts are able to view potential guests' social media accounts and check other refer-

ences before accepting the reservation. This screening is sufficient, according to City Manager Dale Krajniak. Other Grosse Pointes

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Storm hits Grosse Pointe

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Heavy winds and rain ripped through Grosse Pointe Monday, Aug. 6, felling trees and power-lines. Grosse Pointe Park, the hardest-hit area, experienced power outages and significant tree damage as the summer storm blew through with

close to 60 mph winds.

While many in the Park experienced power outages, at least one family had to deal with a little more.

Indra Eschenberg was in her backyard in the 700 block of Balfour when the storm moved in. As the wind picked up and sky darkened, she took her dogs into the

house. When the storm began to sound like a “freight train,” she went to the basement with her three kids. Moments later they heard a loud cracking sound. When her daughter went upstairs, she discovered a tree had fallen on the front of their house, damaging the

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Debris from a felled tree smashed Chris Eschenberg's car.

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By Jody McVeigh
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Benjamin Gravel

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Shores towing boss sentenced

PORT HURON — U.S. District Judge Robert Cleland sentenced Grosse Pointe Shores resident Gasper Fiore to 21 months in federal prison Thursday, Aug. 2, for his role in the Macomb County public corruption scandal, according to local news sources.

Cleland ordered Fiore, 58, remanded immediately to prison from the courtroom and pay a \$10,000 fine.

The former owner of several towing businesses in the area, including Official Towing and Boulevard and Trumbull Towing, pleaded guilty in a pay-to-play scheme, specifically cash bribes to Clinton Township trustees for favor in towing contract selection. The bribes were paid through Rizzo Environmental Services.

Fiore has been a high-profile target of the years-long FBI investigation into corruption scandals in Wayne and Macomb counties leading to dozens of indictments of public officials.

Fiore was indicted May 2017. The plea agreement he struck with federal prosecutors in December 2017 remains sealed as part of the ongoing federal investigation.

— Melissa Walsh



Above, the Eschenberg house in the 700 block of Balfour. The fallen tree caused damage to the gutters, chimney and roof. Right, a tree leaning on a house in the 500 block of Pemberton.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



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roof, gutter and chimney.

Eschenberg tried to call her husband, Chris, to inform him of the tree, but the call didn't go through. Two minutes later she received a text from him.

"Tree fell on me. Crushed car. Ambulance on the way," it read.

Chris Eschenberg was on his way home, driving on Bishop toward Jefferson when he came to a tree blocking the road. He pulled into a driveway to turn around when more of the tree fell on his car, damaging the windshield, rear passenger window and taillight.

Chris Eschenberg was able to exit the vehicle and walk to the home, where homeowner David Gaskin took him in and gave him a towel to dry off as he waited for an ambulance.

When Indra Eschenberg got the text, she asked a neighbor to watch her children and rushed to her husband. She drove him to the hospital, where he was admitted for neck and back injuries and glass shards in his arm and leg. He is expected to be OK.

At press time, DTE Energy was still working on restoring power to the area. According to its estimates, power would be back on by 11:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Renee Landuyt contributed to this report.

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Ewald and Woods. We've lived within those means. Now those library notes are able to be paid off sooner at an interest savings they weren't before."

Klacza said while the library tried to be good conservators, including renegotiating the bonds to get a lower interest rate a handful of years ago, it is now at the point where it can pay off the bonds early.

"Our approach will be to renew the interest rate we had before, which also has been ratcheted down through Headlee," he said. "We will be seeking a renewal of millage issue to be able to pay off the

bonds early and save total interest payments for the good of our taxpayers, for their economic benefit.

"It's like paying off your mortgage early," he continued. "You pay a little more for a couple years, but in the end it's less interest. It's hundreds of thousands you're saving in interest."

"It's not an increase," he continued. "If anything, it'll stay status quo or decrease."

The present millage issue expires 2019, Klacza said.

"The benefits to the community far outweigh any minor negatives some naysayers may hold against us," he said.

Also at its July 26 meeting, the board voted "to agree to explore the con-

sortium with Rocket Fiber," Klacza said. "We agree to join, contingent on all members joining."

Rocket Fiber has been a buzz about town the last few months as the Detroit-based fiber-optic internet provider looks to establish a fiber-optic ring in the Grosse Pointes. It seeks cooperation from all five Grosse Pointe municipalities, Harper Woods, GPPL and the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

"Streaming is the new thing — the coming thing," Klacza said. "In the 1920s there was a thing called AM radio. We've migrated in technology through the ages. ... AM migrated into FM and television, where you got not only voice, but

moving visual images. That brought us through the '50s, where all of a sudden we had color television."

In the digital, high-definition era, the next stage of the game is increased bandwidth for a faster connection and better quality for a more enjoyable entertainment experience.

"Rocket Fiber offers that possibility," Klacza said. "That's why the library board voted in favor of joining the consortium with the Park, City and schools."

The library is the latest in the group to agree to explore the concept, which, if brought to the community, will take one year to install. Rocket Fiber is including a

20-year maintenance agreement with the deal, which is estimated to cost the library \$301,355 in construction costs. The ring is expected to save the library \$23,380 per year, or \$467,600 over the 20-year life of the venture.

The board has accounted for the return on investment, Klacza said.

"It's something that if you put a CPA on it today, you can run the numbers, but the numbers aren't cast in bronze yet," he said, noting since not all parties have signed on, "it's too early to tell. That's the point of the consortium agreement."

"It's highly desirable to have full support, but I believe we could manage

without it," he continued. "We then could budget for that money in the future."

Klacza said the library currently leases T1 data lines.

"When we got them 20 years ago, that was lightning fast," he said. "Now, T1 lines are chump change."

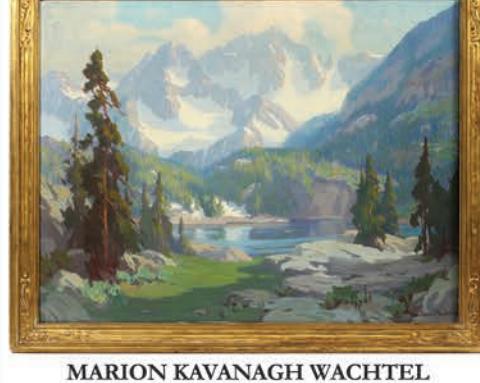
Broader bandwidth is necessary to navigate the modern library, Klacza said.

"There's a migration with the library of less and less books and more and more digital services," he said. "It breaks my heart not to have all the books I would love to have ... but let's face it, those days are over."

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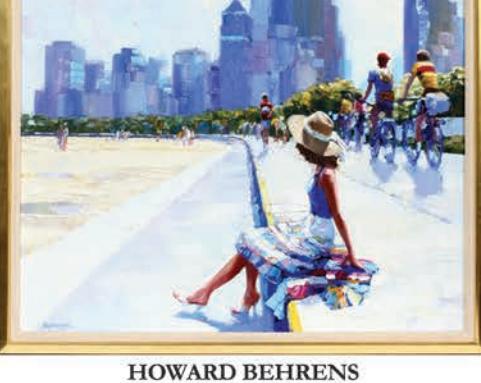
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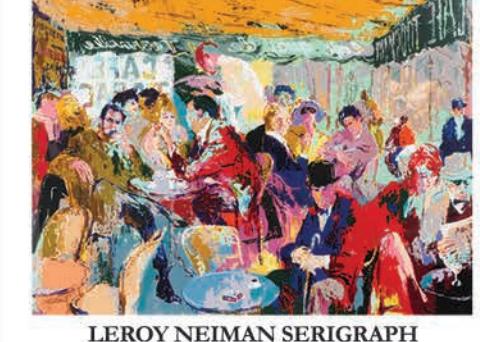
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Two arrested after 'sex show' on Moran

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Public safety arrested two people in connection to an alleged assault in the 300 block of Moran Friday, Aug. 3.

A 58-year-old Detroit man was arrested for possession of cocaine and a 21-year-old Harrison Township woman was arrested for larceny.

Officers were called to the area on a report of a young woman walking down the street and disrobing approximately 3

p.m.

When officers arrived, they found the Harrison Township woman half dressed with her dress inside out on Merriweather at Beaupre.

Officers reported the woman speaking rapidly and incoherently, claiming an elderly man in the 300 block of Moran had assaulted her at his house.

According to the police report, she said she was at the residence with a second woman to perform a "sex show." After being paid, the woman said she became uncomfortable

and attempted to leave with her friend. At that point the man allegedly grabbed her by the arm, chest, buttocks and groin area. The woman said she eventually fled on foot, dropping items in the process, according to the report. The other woman left in a car belonging to the Harrison Township woman.

Public safety officers noted cuts on the woman's collarbone and arms. She also claimed the man had a large amount of prescription drugs and cocaine in his residence

and was able to provide exact locations.

Because of her demeanor, officers asked her if she had taken any drugs and she admitted to snorting Adderall. She was taken to the station to provide a statement to detectives.

When officers went to the house in the 300 block of Moran they were approached by a 58-year-old Detroit man riding his bike and claiming to be a friend of the homeowner.

He said he was called by the resident for help because a woman would

not leave the house; he was there to tell the woman to leave. The homeowner was not at the residence at that time and the doors were locked.

While interviewing the man, officers noticed a bulge in his waistband consistent with a handgun.

When he was searched, it was found his belt was causing the bulge. Officers did, however, find a small amount of cocaine and marijuana in his possession and he was arrested.

After providing a statement, the Harrison Township woman was

brought back to the location to retrieve her lost belongings. While searching, officers said she became irritated with officers attempting to assist. She found a number of bank cards in a bush in the 200 block of Moran and walked back to the squad car and threw them on the ground.

When an officer picked up the cards, he noted they belonged to the homeowner and the woman was arrested for stealing the items.

Officers received a search warrant for the residence, but the results of the search were not available.

Woods Wholesale Wine suspension lifted

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Woods Wholesale Wine on Mack is back in business following a five-day suspension Saturday, Aug. 4, through Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The suspension was the consequence of the "illegal shipping of alcohol," according to a sign left on the shop's door by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

The business owner did not return a Grosse Pointe News request for comment, but left a note

for customers on the shop door and business website stating, "The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has found us to be in violation of one of their laws, and consequently, we must close during these dates. As some of you may know, Woods Wholesale

Wine has a growing online business. While shipping wine within the state of Michigan is not an issue, shipping liquor within the state of Michigan is a violation of MLCC law..."

The 2015 violation complaint from the Michigan Attorney

General's office included 25 charges, 21 of which Woods Wholesale Wine ownership, doing business as Woods Fine Wine & Spirits LLC, admitted before reaching a negotiated settlement with the prosecution.

In a court order signed

May 5, 2018, Administrative Law Judge Kandra Robbins ordered Woods Wholesale Wine ownership to pay a fine of \$300 for each of the 21 acknowledged charges, \$6,300, with a 315-day business suspension if the penalty is not paid in 45 days. In addition, the judge ordered the five-day alcohol sales suspension.



Fun in the sun

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual city picnic at Lake Front Park Saturday, Aug. 4. The event included face painting, poolside games, chalk art and lunch. Zack Keuton is surrounded by colorful beach balls in the pool.



Siblings Keegan and Cordy Wettstein had their faces painted, Keegan as a spotted dog and Cordy as a butterfly.



A.J. Jamerino and A.J. Gumapac had watermelon for dessert after their hot dog lunch.

Missing woman found

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Public Safety Detective Ryan Schroerlukke alerted residents Friday, Aug. 3, of a missing vulnerable adult. The 18-year-old woman, last seen at her Grosse Pointe Woods home July 26, was believed to be in the Pontiac/Waterford area with an unknown white male and considered vulnerable due to medical conditions requiring daily medication.

Aug. 4 the department sent notice the woman was found and safe.

— Melissa Walsh

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11

◆ Farms/City Family Fishing Rodeo, 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

RESULTS:

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Adam Hollier — 4,024
LaMar Lemmons — 3,267
John Olumba — 2,082
Abraham Aiyash — 1,614
Regina L. Williams — 1,567
George Cushingberry Jr. — 841
Anam Miah — 543
William Phillips — 226
Lawrence E. Gannan — 175
Tommy Campbell — 157
Partial term ending Dec. 31, 2018.
Democrat
Brian Banks — 5,711
Adam Hollier — 4,209
LaMar Lemmons — 3,859

John Olumba — 2,325
Abraham Aiyash — 2,086

George Cushingberry Jr. — 1,004

Joe Ricci — 401

No Republicans ran in this race.

Michigan House District 1 — Grosse Pointe Woods, Shores, Harper Woods and parts of Detroit.

Democrat

Mark Corcoran and

Libertarian Gregory Creswell ran unopposed.

Michigan House District 2 — Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and parts

of Detroit.

Democrat

Carla L. Tinsley-Smith — 4,229

Latisha Johnson — 3,363

Carol Banks — 3,015

Willie Bell — 2,927

Joe Tate — 2,598

Kinda Makini

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Republican

John Palfy ran unopposed.

Final results may be found on the Wayne County Clerk's website, electionreporting.com/wayne.

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have different regulations concerning short-term rentals. For instance, the Farms doesn't require a landlord license; however, it is mandatory to conduct a certificate of occupancy inspection every time there is a change in guests, which, according to City

Manager Shane Reaside, can be cost prohibitive.

He also noted because the Farms does not have multi-family zoning in its city, a potential host could not stay in the house while guests are present.

Because each municipality is different, it is best to check how each particular city regulates short-term rentals before hosting guests.

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Jack of all trades is 'King of the Obscure'

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

One of Benjamin Gravel's friends gave him the moniker "King of the Obscure," which is a fitting description of the Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

From sailing and model trains to computers and architecture, Gravel's interests are matched only by the wealth of information he carries on each one.

Gravel, 56, who has lived in every Grosse Pointe except the Shores, moved to the community at age 7. He attended St. Paul School, then University Liggett School, eventually earning a computer science degree from Wayne State University. Currently he owns Grosse Pointe Computer Repair on Mack in the Woods.

Many of his interests began during childhood.

"In 1964, my parents joined the Detroit Boat Club," he said. "We drove through Indian Village on our way home. I started looking at all the cool houses in Indian Village." In 1968, his parents bought him a copy of "The Buildings of Detroit:



PHOTO COURTESY OF BENJAMIN GRAVEL

Benjamin Gravel, owner of Grosse Pointe Computer Repair, administers the Facebook page, "Grosse Pointe Architecture," among other hobbies.

A History," By W. Hawkins Ferry.

"This is the Bible," Gravel said. "Just thumbing through it, I loved the pictures. Somehow I knew these were not just old houses and buildings. I knew some of them were still standing and I wanted to go see them."

He was in his early teens when his parents started driving him to see the structures. Boston Edison, Palmer Woods and Sherwood Forest were among their destinations.

"My parents knew the city very well," Gravel said. "My dad drove the city without GPS and

would not get lost. He had routes around the city nobody knew. He was a sales rep.

"For me it's the thrill of the chase," he continued. "People talk about different architecture, especially in Indian Village.... Albert Kahn, Rogers and McFarlane, Louis Kamper — those are names I've been listening to since I was very young. A lot of the same firms were doing work in Grosse Pointe, too. The older I got, the more I was getting into (the book)."

Gravel started touring Detroit and Grosse Pointe and trying to get friends to check out the sites, too.

Scheduling an organized tour is nearly impossible," he said. "Then I found I can put a tour up on Facebook and people can look at it anytime they want."

Hence, the Facebook group "Grosse Pointe Architecture" was started, featuring photo albums arranged by architect and building designer and including every bit of detail Gravel can find.

Gravel also posts his photos to the "Historical Detroit Area Architecture" group, also on Facebook. The groups have more than 8,200 and 29,700 members, respectively.

"There are a lot of houses not standing anymore I would like to see," he lamented. "But almost every building in (the Ferry book) I've taken a picture of."

A self-described architectural historian, Gravel said most often windows catch his eye, but he doesn't have a favorite structure.

"It depends on the day or mood," he said.

Following the history theme, Gravel has volunteered with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society several years, keeping

track of its blueprints.

"I've been doing a lot of work at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society archives," he said. "There's a considerable amount of information in the archives. Southeast Michigan is in the top three in finding information on what I like — the architectural history of a building."

Another facet of Gravel's life that's been a nearly lifelong love is trains. A visit to his shop on Mack instantly gives it away. Toy trains line shelves and framed train art hangs on walls.

"I got my first Tyco train set for Christmas 1962," he said. "I was nine months old. My father was crazy about trains.... I got into Lionel in 1971, when Lionel moved (to Michigan). I have that set, too."

Gravel has been restoring toy trains for decades and is self-taught at the trade.

"My grandpa had a train with a 1920s engine," he said. "At age 19 or 20, I got it restored. That's when I became a fanatic for standard gauge."

When not focused on the tracks or the struc-

tures that surround them, Gravel takes to the water. The experienced sailboat racer has taken part in 17 Bayview to Mackinac races and won three of them. Though it's been a couple years since he's participated, "The 100th is coming up in 2025," he said. "I'll probably do that just to say I did it."

Sailing played a role in Gravel's nuptials as well. He and Eleanor, aka Tuppy, have been married 26 years.

"My wife grew up in the Farms," he said. "My parents were members of Bayview. We were probably drinking at the same bars for years ... but we met at Key West Race Week in 1991."

Tuppy also administers the "Grosse Pointe Architecture" Facebook group, which allows participation from members who want to post their own photos.

"One thing I try to get across is, everybody's so centered on Lakeshore — especially all the houses torn down the last 50 or 60 years — but getting off Lakeshore is where the cool stuff is," Gravel said. "The stuff in the nooks and crannies all over the Pointes is fabulous."

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tors explaining that due to high humidity levels swollen ballots were not being accepted by tabulator equipment. He added Department of Public Works personnel assisted by bringing in a dehumidifier and fans to voting areas.

Heathaway also notified county officials of the problem and heard other communities were experiencing the same issue and expected vote results to be delayed.

At press time late Tuesday night, the results were not yet released.

If passed, the proposal

for the 4-mill increase would amount to \$4 per \$1,000 of taxable value over the next 10 years.

Annual cost to residents in a home with the 2018 median taxable value of \$95,000 (and state equalized value of \$190,000) would be approximately \$380.

'The money stays local and is spent locally.'

CHRISTIAN FENTON
Friends of Grosse Pointe Woods Millage Committee

Christian Fenton, who supported the proposal.

The additional mills would add approximately \$2,784,098 to the city's general fund in 2019 for public safety expenditures — 44.8 percent of the budget — and public works projects — 21.1 percent of the budget.

"It's a smart move," Fenton said. "The money stays local and is spent locally. The financial crises 10 years ago and the subsequent drop in taxable value had a major impact on their revenue."

The city plans to dedicate the funding increase to replacing aging public safety and public works equipment and repairing or resurfacing roads.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Drunken driving

A 27-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, on Mack at Washington.

The man was pulled over after being spotted traveling 51 mph on eastbound Mack.

According to the reporting officer, the man said he was going home from a friend's house and appeared to be nervous.

The man was asked out of the car when he was unable to produce his license, which was visible to the officer in the man's wallet.

When asked again where he was coming from, the man admitted to coming from a bar after drinking two beers.

A field sobriety test was conducted, which the man failed, and a preliminary breath test resulted in a blood alcohol content of .26 percent.

Plugged sink

An unknown person is wanted for intentionally plugging a sink and leaving the water running in a bathroom at a gas station in the 17800 block of Mack approximately 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

Officers entered the business and observed an employee mopping a large amount of water. The employee said someone had stuffed paper towel in the bathroom's sink and left the water running for an unknown amount of time, causing the sink to overflow.

The business owner said the security footage

would be reviewed in an attempt to identify the culprit.

Larceny

A vehicle was broken into early morning Monday, July 30, in the 17600 block of Mack. The owner of the vehicle said she parked her car after returning home at 1 a.m. When she returned to her vehicle approximately 8:45 a.m., the front passenger window was broken and items were missing, including her car registration and proof of insurance.

The steering wheel column also was missing and there was extensive damage to the ignition, rendering the vehicle undriveable.

— Anthony Viola
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REPORTS:

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Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion

A residence in the 1200 block of Wayburn was entered through an unlocked front window sometime between 4 and 9 p.m. Friday, July 27. A backpack was taken.

B&E

A pharmacy in the 15000 block of East Jefferson was broken into 4:10 a.m. Monday, July 30. Cash totaling \$50 was taken from the cash drawer. Two subjects were arrested, 19- and 18-year-old Detroit men, and several subjects were identified in a multi-jurisdictional investigation.

Larceny

A thin black male was seen going through a vehicle 5:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, in the 1200 block of Whittier. The owner of the vehicle saw the man and chased after him but was unable to catch him. Approximately \$4 in change was stolen.

Missing iPhone

A silver iPhone 6s went missing from a front yard in the 700 block of Berkshire sometime between 6 and 8 p.m. Monday, July 30.

Bikes stolen

◆ A multi-colored Huffy bicycle was stolen from a detached garage in the 1100 block of Buckingham

sometime between 9 p.m. Friday, July 27, and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

◆ A purple Schwinn bicycle was stolen from a front porch in the 1000 block of Lakepointe 10:40 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. A home security camera captured the suspect, a male wearing a long drage.

◆ A Raleigh bicycle was stolen in the 1100 block of Lakepointe and recovered 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, when officers spotted it being ridden by a female subject. The woman said the bike was sold to her by a subject known to police.

◆ A green Trek Nav 300 bicycle was stolen from an unlocked shed in the 1000 block of Berkshire overnight between 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, and 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

◆ A black Cannondale mountain bike was stolen from a garage in the 1300 block of Yorkshire between 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, and 7:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. Change from a vehicle in the garage also was stolen.

Water bottle gone

A Moana water bottle was taken from an Amazon package in the 1000 block of Bedford sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

Drunken driving

A 65-year-old Woods woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 11:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, on Jefferson at Somerset. She was observed driving erratically and swerving and was found to be intoxicated.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Under the influence

A 39-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, on Mack at Moross.

Responding to a report of a vehicle traveling in reverse in the wrong direction on Mack at Kerby, officers found the vehicle stopped at Mack and Moross with heavy front end damage.

The lone occupant of the vehicle had slurred speech, a drowsy facial expression and glossy eyes, according to police.

She said she was returning home from Greektown Casino, where she had four beers, and believed she was at Nine Mile and Harper.

The woman admitted taking a number of prescription drugs before drinking and pills were found in the vehicle. She failed a field sobriety test and was arrested.

Vehicle found

A vehicle stolen from the Farms was recovered in Ohio Thursday, Aug. 2. Ohio State Police contacted Farms public safety 4:40 p.m. and notified them the vehicle, stolen from the 200 block of Hillcrest Sunday, July 22, was recovered.

— Anthony Viola
Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

No insurance

Officers arrested a 65-year-old Warren man for driving without valid insurance.

A traffic stop was initiated on Lakeshore approximately 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, for non-working brake lights.

In addition to discovering the driver's insurance expired, officers found an open container of alcohol between the front seat and arm rest.

False alarm

Forty public safety units responded to alarm-company notification of multiple fires in a house in the 500 block of Ballantyne 11 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Responding officers found no sign of fire. The homeowner told them he contacted the alarm company about issues he has been having with activation of false fire alarms.

— Melissa Walsh

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

she contacted public safety, reporting she left in the car her wallet, laptop and key fob.

After a LEIN check uncovered an outstanding warrant for the 29-year-old woman's arrest in St. Clair Shores, she was turned over to a St. Clair Shores police officer.

Argument

Officers responded to a report of an escalating argument between the caller's aunt and uncle approximately 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, in the 1200 block of Blairstown Court.

The nephew said his uncle made threats and wielded a gun before leaving the property in a black Chevrolet Suburban.

Responding officers discovered the Suburban in the driveway and the aunt on the porch. She told the officers she did not want them checking her house and did not want to discuss the argument with her husband, who arrived shortly after in his white Dodge Charger.

After questioning the husband, officers stood by while he gathered clothing to stay elsewhere and locked the 45-cal. handgun in the safe in the house.

Party poopers

Officers dispatched to a

house in the 2100 block of Hampton 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, also received reports of fighting on the front lawn of a nearby house in the same block.

At the scene of the second house, the officers found no active fighting, but heard reports of a fight having taken place earlier between two young women during a bachelorette party.

Officers found one of the women, who left the party, near the intersection of Helen and Hampton wearing a dress and no shoes.

She said she was jumped and looking for her purse, which was thrown into a garbage can.

Officers transported the woman to her home in Eastpointe.

Counterfeit bills

A business in the 19000 block of Mack reported 2:24 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, two adult black males used counterfeit \$100 bills to pay for carry-out meals.

The men were given change totaling \$158.66 for the meals costing \$21.73 and \$19.61.

— Melissa Walsh

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OUR VIEW

Fiber is good

There are many benefits to Rocket Fiber coming to the Grosse Pointes — unprecedented high-speed internet, infrastructure investment and resulting higher property values being a few—but increased competition among internet service providers here is something that would definitely benefit business, residential, municipal and education consumers in the Pointes.

Let's face it. We have lousy internet speed in this country. The United States ranks eighth on the Speedtest Global Index with a median download speed of 93.98 Mbps and 32.05 Mbps upload speed. The Midwest ranks third out of four in Speedtest's regional rankings with a Speed Score of 40.83 Mbps.

Compare that with Rocket Fiber's minimum of 1 Gbps (1,000 Mbps) for both download and upload speeds.

Most ISPs provide asymmetrical download and upload speeds. For example, Comcast Business offers 1 Gbps download speed but only 35 Mbps upload. True, most internet data is downloaded by users, but cloud-based voice over internet (VoIP) phone services work best with symmetrical speeds.

At the Grosse Pointe News, for example, we have symmetrical 50 Mbps using AT&T fiber to the building and 1,000 Mbps (1 Gbps) Category 5 ethernet cable inside. Even at that, the 50 Mbps up and down is barely enough, causing some latency (lag) in two-way phone conversations.

We pay a hefty price for that 50 Mbps symmetrical speed—\$800 per month—and that's after negotiating a new contract. Previously, we were paying \$1,000 per month for a measly 10 Mbps up and down.

True, we could save money (\$500 per month) with the aforementioned Comcast Business class speed of 1,000 Mbps down and 35 Mbps up, but then we would need to purchase a new in-house PBX phone system at \$1,000 per seat, or about \$20,000, not counting maintenance and obsolescence.

Of course, a small business like the Grosse Pointe News is a drop in the bucket compared to the Grosse Pointe Public School System with 16 buildings and 814 employees. The GPPSS paid \$225,000 for internet bandwidth in 2017-18 and will pay \$268,000 in 2018-19.

Originally, when it was assumed there would be eight members of the proposed GP EdNet consortium, the school district's contribution was estimated at \$737,839.50. With Grosse Pointe Shores declining to join and Grosse Pointe Woods on the fence, the school system's contribution, as well as that of the remaining partners, will be higher. But, still, it is easy to see where it would not take long for the system to pay for itself for the GPPSS.

Mayors Robert Novitke and Louis Theros in the Woods and Farms, respectively, have questioned the risk their cities would face due to unexpected costs. Under the proposed agreement, costs would be split evenly among GP EdNet members. The mayors would like to see a cap on those potential costs requiring a unanimous vote by GP EdNet board members.

We see their point and hope an agreement can be reached. We think high-speed fiber throughout the Pointes would increase property values and attract businesses and young families and professionals to the Pointes. It's time to think like entrepreneurs!

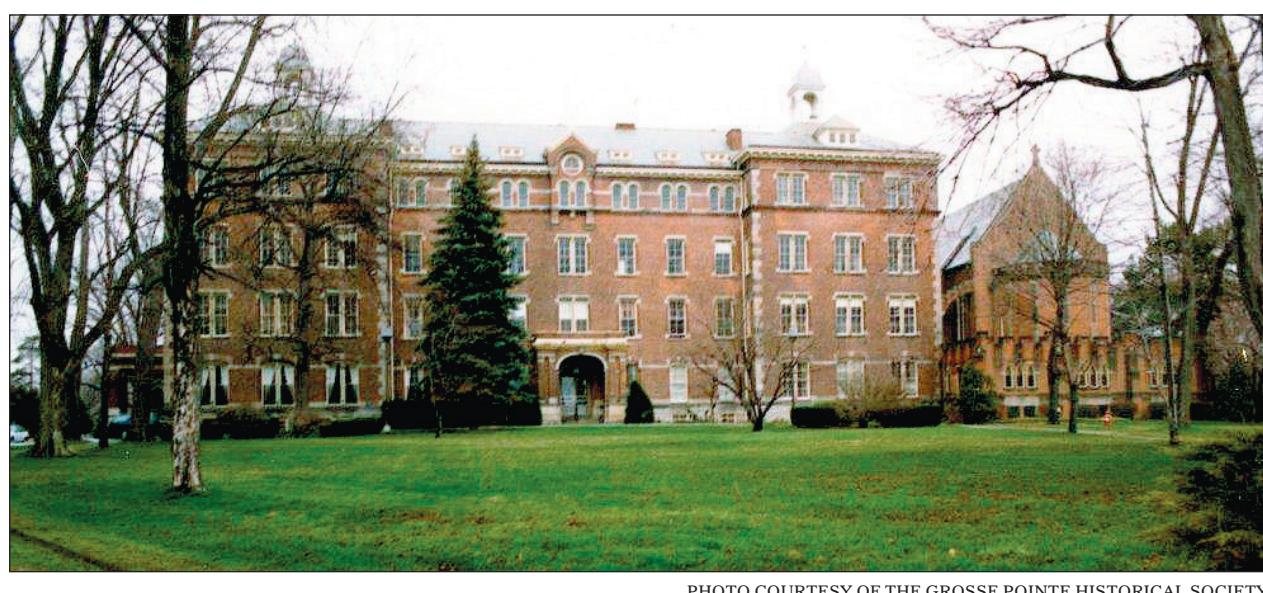


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Grosse Pointe past

Pictured is the lake facade entrance of The Grosse Pointe Academy, formerly the Academy of the Sacred Heart, which was a boarding school for young ladies, K-12. It was completed in 1885. The four-story colonial revival building was constructed for a reported cost of nearly \$100,000—comparable to around \$2.5 million today. The new compound was described at the time as "the most complete of its kind in the country."

GUEST OPINION Courtesy of Gary Niehaus

Rocket Fiber initiative

The Grosse Pointe Public School System and its coalition partners have the opportunity to positively impact the future of our entire community with this visionary yet feasible proposal for a high-speed fiber optics network. Fiber optic technology converts electrical signals carrying data to light and sends the light through transparent glass fibers about the diameter of a human hair. Fiber transmits data at speeds far exceeding current dial-up services or cable modem speeds by tens or even hundreds of Mbps (20-100 Mbps for cable, 150 Mbps to beyond 10 Gbps for fiber without compromising performance even during peak hours). For perspective, an entire movie would be downloaded in only four seconds.

Unfortunately, access to robust fiber infrastructure is not universal. Many communities are ill-equipped, including our own. Building a high-speed fiber optic loop around the Grosse Pointe communities would truly build a better future for our community and improve the quality of life for our citizens. Just as electrification was essential to communities a century ago, fiber-optic broadband infrastructure is integral to a community's ability to survive and thrive in the modern world. A high-speed fiber optic loop would become the backbone for future technology infrastructure in the Grosse Pointe communities by providing bandwidth that supports the education, government, healthcare and business community needs.

These are the basic objectives of the program:

- ◆ Bring economic growth by providing business connectivity through high-speed fiber;
- ◆ Have community partners control the quality and cost of internet services and connectivity;
- ◆ Give GPPSS and Harper Woods students 21st century skills for college and career readiness;
- ◆ Connect downtown Detroit businesses to Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods through high-speed fiber;
- ◆ Enhance public safety through better communication and response times;
- ◆ Provide optimal health care through secure outreach to patients, hospitals, physicians and clinics;
- ◆ Work together with the chamber of commerce and community partners to bring additional busi-

nesses and sales opportunities to the Grosse Pointe communities and

- ◆ Improve the quality of life for our Grosse Pointe area citizens.

Description of the need and scope

Nine community partners have been working with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to create a community advantage by pooling existing infrastructure, technical expertise and financial support. They include: City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, Harper Woods, as well as the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Harper Woods School District and Beaumont Hospital. Peer communities surrounding Detroit have yet to consider high-speed fiber. Being a front-runner in fiber will give the Grosse Pointe communities a tremendous opportunity to attract young families and new businesses while establishing a direct connection to downtown Detroit. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce commissioned Gibbs Planning Group to conduct a study of the community from a commercial, retail and restaurant perspective. In it, GPG noted "similar fiber systems in Chattanooga, Tenn. and Kansas City, Kan. have generated significant booms in housing demand and have created thousands of new jobs. ... While there is no data to forecast the network's potential impact on Grosse Pointe's retail sales, new housing demand and job creation will likely generate a notable increase in Grosse Pointe retail and restaurant sales beyond the estimates of this study." Other sources estimate fiber to the home adds more than 3 percent to a home's value and 8 percent to the rent of an apartment.

Superintendent Niehaus also has overseen a similar fiber optic network installation when he served as superintendent in Illinois.

Laying a high-speed fiber network to the Grosse Pointe communities would bring 21st century technology to bolster business, enhance teaching and learning and improve the safety and security of our community.

Niehaus is superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

LETTERS

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School bond is different

To the Editor:

Nobody likes to pay taxes. Most of us have an instant reaction to the suggestion we be required to do so. Mostly I believe it is because as our money finds its way to Lansing or Washington, D.C., we can't trust where it is being spent or whether it needs to be spent at all.

It is not to say we don't need defense, Social Security, criminal justice and a whole lot of other things we get from our state and federal government, but we don't get to vote on those tax increases and we don't get to vote on how the money is being spent.

My reaction is quite different when it comes to school bonds. As someone in their mid-70s, with one child living out of state and another here, why should I agree to spend another \$200 or \$300 year on school

taxes? Why should I feel differently?

The answer is both simple and selfish. I love the place I live. I love the parks. I love the shopping. I love the police protection and services I get from local government. I love this community. I also know we can outsource police protection. We can outsource garbage pick-up. We could even do away with a park or two, but the core of Grosse Pointe, what makes our community strong — its backbone — are schools. The current taxes we pay, for the most part as they relate to schools, goes to Lansing. What they dole back to us is less than we actually contribute to the general welfare of the education system throughout the state. Is it fair? It isn't right on some levels, but so long as the state is generally responsible for public education throughout

the state, it is the system we have in place.

The difference with the pending school bond is that 100 percent of the money generated by the bond will stay within the district. We know exactly how it will be spent. It will make our schools safer and healthier. It will preserve our buildings. It will protect our standing among school districts across the state.

More importantly to someone in his 70s, it will preserve the property value of my home and the businesses which support our community. I wish I didn't have to pay an extra \$200 or \$300 a year for the privilege of living where I do, in the comfort of my lifestyle, but in the end, at least I know there is a direct benefit to me and the community when I write that check every year.

JAMES V. BELLANCA JR.
Grosse Pointe

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I SAY By John Minnis

Don't always listen to the pros



We happily used and enjoyed our beautiful (and expensive) stove for nine years ... that is until Christmas morning 2016.

Traditionally, we host Terry's sister's family for breakfast and presents Christmas morning. After opening presents (and a nap!), we go to Terry's sister's house for dinner.

Back to the oven. ... When Terry went to pop the biscuits in the oven that one cold, Christmas morn, she

discovered the oven hadn't preheated.

Upon investigation, we learned the big oven's coil wasn't heating and turning red.

The little side oven worked, but Terry had some two dozen biscuits to bake!

I called McDonald's and asked if I could order 24 biscuits and they said, "Sure. Come on in." I did and rushed home and Christmas breakfast was saved.

After the holidays,

we called an appliance repairman. He came and after a few tests said it was the main circuit board.

When he called the shop to order the part, he found the stove was no longer being serviced and the circuit board could not be ordered.

What to do? Throw out a \$3,200 stove because of one circuit board?

Terry searched online herself and discovered the serviceman was cor-

rect. The part was not available.

I found a YouTube video of one guy fixing the board himself, but that looked beyond my skill set.

Further searching, and a year later, Terry found companies online advertising they fix circuit boards. One was in California and the other in Kansas.

Cost, including shipping, was \$120. What the heck, we thought. Worst case scenario we are out \$120. Best

case, we salvage a \$3,200 stove we loved.

So we went online, filled out their form, paid with credit card and printed out the packaging and shipping instructions.

Thanks to the YouTube video, I knew how to remove the circuit board. Once done, we packaged and shipped it and waited.

Ten days later, it was returned, but, fearful, we waited for a time to reinstall it properly. I did and plugged it in. It works!

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943 1968

75 years ago this week

WOMAN INDICTED: A federal grand jury indicted the owner of a store on East Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Park on 11 counts of operating a black market. She faces penalties including imprisonment and fines.

Some of her customers, including three Pointers, may lose their ration books as a result of their illegal purchases.

The black market was exposed by the Grosse Pointe News 10 weeks ago.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARES PLAN TO LICK MANPOWER SHORTAGE: In an effort to cooperate with industry and business in meeting the present manpower shortage and provide students with practical working experience, Grosse Pointe High School last year inaugurated a work experience program. Approximately 70 students were enrolled in this program during the past semester.

Plans are now being formulated to expand this project for the incoming school year for students in 11th and 12th grades. Schedules will be arranged so students will be in school half a day and work the other half day. Efforts will be made to dovetail two students to the same job so one would be on the job in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Obituaries: Louis Bryant, Mary Forman Vance

WOODS KIDS' Hobbies PENALIZED:

Youngsters really took a whacking at the Woods council meeting where council reviewed ordinances aimed directly at youngsters' hobbies.

The first ordinance would prohibit the use of unlicensed mini-bikes, go-carts, scooters and the like on public or private property other than streets and roadways. Council tabled the ordinance for further clarification.

Another ordinance prohibiting the operation of motorized model aircraft within the city was passed.

Residents near Parcells Junior High School complained bitterly of the noise and safety hazard of these craft, primarily flown in school playgrounds by model plane enthusiasts.

WOMAN DIES IN CRASH ON OWN LAWN: One woman was killed and another seriously injured when the vehicle in which they were riding hit a tree on Stanhope in Grosse Pointe Woods. The passenger, mother of the driver, died.

From the tire tracks Woods police determined the driver lost control of her car while traveling east. Tracks indicated the car angled across yards on the south side of the street, curved back on the street to a driveway on the other side of the street, over the curb

and onto a front yard, hitting a tree on that lawn.

Ironically, it was the passenger's own front lawn.

Obituaries: James Burgett Book III, Carl A. Buhler, Carmella Ciaccia, Marcella S. Erne, Lynn Freimann, Mary E. Gerue, Eleanor Rivard Grassbaugh, Mary Kirk Haggarty, Marguerite Heinrichs, Lorne W. Knister, Josephine Leaver, Emile H. Panzer, Eugene A. Rossner

1993

25 years ago this week

CHILDREN'S HOME SUES WOODS: A neighborhood dispute over expansion of facilities at the Children's Home of Detroit on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods has resulted in a lawsuit against the city.

The suit was filed in Wayne County Circuit Court after a July 12 vote by the council denied the home's request for a variance to allow for expansion of the Cook Road campus.

BOATERS SAVE

STRANDED COUPLE: A husband and wife sailing their boat on Lake St. Clair are credited with rescuing a Mount Clemens couple whose boat caught fire about a quarter mile offshore near the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The incident began around 11 a.m. when several boaters noticed smoke coming from a 20-foot steel-hull boat. Motorists along Lakeshore also noticed the boat in distress and called Grosse Pointe Farms police.

The couple rescued a 33-year-old man and his 24-year-old wife and brought them to shore where Farms paramedics took them to Cottage Hospital.

The man escaped with singed hair. The woman suffered second-degree burns over 50 percent of her body and was transported to Detroit Receiving hospital.

PARK OPENS \$2.3 MILLION PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING: Years in the planning and construction, Grosse Pointe Park officially opened its new public safety building.

Obituaries: Ruth Waldo Boerner, Dorothy Kieren Christian, Clara J. DeYonker, Jack Westland Hooper, Mildred W. Istock, Margaret A. Kammer, Alfred Provenzano, Mary Margaret Sutton, Eugenia DeClaire Wallace

2008

10 years ago this week

SIDEWALK SIGNS MAKING LEGAL COMEBACK:

Discussions between city and business representatives are likely to conclude by the end of summer with merchants being able to do openly what they've been doing clandestinely for years: Display portable sidewalk signs to advertise

sales and promotions. Sidewalk signs have been forbidden in the City of Grosse Pointe since 2005. Consent by merchants has been spotty.

FISHER LOT A STEP CLOSER: Demolition crews made easy work of knocking down a cinder block and brick house on Maumee to make way for parking behind businesses on crowded Fisher.

The property is in the process of being replaced by a 21-space parking lot by the proprietors of Farms Fresh Market.

Obituaries: Marjorie Smith Campbell, Geraldine Merry Hassel, John Vincent Renchard, Emma Rose Siero, Eugenia H. Targonski, Barbara Jane Weaver, Mary Rea Webster, Paul Leonard Youngblood —Karen Fontanive

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EIGHTH GRADE

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A father and daughter live a perfect but mysterious existence in Forest Park, a beautiful nature reserve, rarely making contact with the world. But when a small mistake tips them off to authorities, they are sent on an increasingly erratic journey in search of a place to call their own.

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Liggett teacher named Michigan History Teacher of the Year

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History has selected Adam Hellebuyck, history and social studies department chair at University Liggett School, as the 2018 Michigan History Teacher of the Year.

Hellebuyck, who will be honored at a state ceremony later this year, was nominated by Head of School Bart Bronk for his role in creating an entirely new approach to teaching U.S. history at University Liggett School.

"I have had the privilege of working with Adam for the past four years and have found him to embody all those qualities that make a great teacher: diligent preparation, broad and deep content area expertise, accessibility to and meaningful relationships with students, and innovative pedagogy and assessments," Bronk said.

"But, above all, Adam has a positive attitude which imbues not only his classroom but the entire history and social studies department which is so fortunate to count him as our chair."

As the Michigan Teacher of the year, Hellebuyck is now one of



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Adam Hellebuyck

53 finalists for the National History Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced in the fall.

Hellebuyck piloted his unique teaching style in 2015 with the inception of a highly successful course, "Approaching the National Narrative Through a Local Lens." As the name suggests, the innovative course is centered on a local, fixed-place perspective highlighting Detroit's place in national history.

"Over time, I became frustrated with the traditional approach to studying history, which bounces around the country to famous places and events and gives a

scattered geographic focus," Hellebuyck said. "History is much more meaningful for students when they view it through a local lens and are able to relate it back to modern times."

The course has earned several accolades, including the 2015 Historical Society of Michigan Educational Programs Award and a prestigious national grant from The Benedict Foundation for Independent Schools. For his work, Hellebuyck previously was recognized as the National Daughters of the American Revolution American History Teacher of the Year for 2017 and the Annette and James McConnell History Educator Award for Excellence in Teaching History.

Hellebuyck, who taught upper school history more than 10 years at Liggett, recently assumed the role of University Liggett School's Dean of Curriculum and Assessment, history and social studies department chair, upper school student commission advisor and a mentor for students' independent projects. He holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

The Academy selected for national innovation project

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The landscape of independent schools has changed. Grosse Pointe Academy Head of School Tommy Adams experienced this in his prior role as assistant head of school for enrollment at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa., and continues to encounter this changing landscape at the Academy due to shifting demographics and a new generation of parents.

Taking an innovative approach to these challenges — what National Association of Independent School Chief Innovation Officer Tim Fish prefers to call "opportunities" — independent schools are borrowing from the start-up world.

For example, the NAIS created a laboratory environment among a cohort of independent schools called the NAIS Lab School Project. To be created are prototypes, not finished products, according to Fish. In the start-up world, this is known as a minimal viable product. The concept is to jump in to design work rather than spend months planning every detail of the project.

"One of the really great things about this project is that it relies on the expertise and innovative ideas of the participating schools to help develop tools that will help other schools reimagine their futures," said Myra McGovern, NAIS vice president of media. "In the process of working through what does the landscape look like now, in what ways is it evolving and how could independent schools innovate to be even more effective, the schools are really helping to shape a process that others can go through to achieve results."

Among five schools invited to be part of the project's first cohort is the Grosse Pointe Academy, the only independent school from the Midwest. The other schools are Allendale Columbia School in Rochester, N.Y., Darrow School in Lebanon, N.Y., Grace Episcopal Day School in Kensington, Md., and Providence Country Day School in Providence, R.I.

The goal in selecting the five for the first cohort, according to McGovern, was to identify schools in different environments with different grade levels and different types of communities served.

"We really felt like the diversity of approaches would lead to more creative results," she said.

Fish said he was put in touch with Adams through the Re-Wired Group, a product and service development consultancy located in Grosse Pointe Farms. Often referred to as an "innovation incubator" by clients, the Re-Wired team engages with organizations from start-ups to major international corporations to uncover insights, nurture and develop new ideas and launch innovation into the real world. Their success, according to Fish, comes from partnering with clients in short, fast, intense rounds of work to build momentum and enable flexibility.

NAIS partnered with Bob Moesta, the group's founder and president, to work with the consortium of schools to co-create a strategic planning and implementation framework all NAIS member schools could use to turn insights into action. Part of the process was interviewing families across the country to gather data.

In Moesta's view, "All See PROJECT, page 10A

Court decision supports district weapons policy

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has long had a policy banning weapons — including firearms and guns of any type — in place. Last fall, when a lawsuit posed a challenge to a local school district's authority to impose such a ban, the Board of Education joined the Michigan Association of School Boards in a reso-

lution urging lawmakers to declare school grounds "a safety sensitive zone" and allow local school boards to enact policies prohibiting individuals from carrying a pistol, whether concealed or unconcealed, on school grounds, with the exception of law enforcement officers.

In a 4-3 decision July 28, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled while state law allows people with concealed

firearms permits to bring guns onto school property, school districts may impose bans. A point of dispute was a prior case finding that while the law expressly preempts regulation of firearms by a city, village, township or county, the law does not apply to school districts.

The ruling was a result of two legal actions. In the first, Michigan Gun Owners against the Ann Arbor Public Schools challenged policies banning the possession of firearms in schools and at school-sponsored events. Plaintiffs asserted AAPS was a local unit of government and, as such, was preempted by state law from regulating the possession of firearms.

Similarly, Michigan Open Carry brought an action against the Clio Area School District in Genesee County alleging defendants improperly denied a parent access to his child's elementary

school while he was openly carrying a pistol under a district policy banning the possession of firearms in CASD schools and at public events.

The actions ended up in the Michigan Supreme Court on appeal, with the Michigan Supreme Court

ruling "school districts have the legal authority to regulate guns on school property and the state's statute in effect regulates parents and non-parents to comply with the gun laws," said Detroit attorney John P. Jacobs of Jacobs and Diemer, P.C.

According to Jacobs,

"The takeaway of this latest opinion, distilled to its essence, is that the Michigan Supreme Court held, 4 justices to 3, that the array of gun laws currently in existence did not and do not create the legal impediment of pre-emption as a bar which could strip away the authority of the school districts pursuant to the Weapon Free School

District Act ... to regulate or ban guns on school premises. A lack of pre-emption to regulate or ban gun carriage on the premises of K to 12 schools is, decisionally, a real victory for meaningful gun control in schools by school boards."

Jacobs filed an amicus curiae brief of the Negligence Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

An amicus curiae is a

professional person or organization not a party to a particular litigation

permitted by the court to

advise it on a matter of

law directly affecting the

case in question.

According to Jacobs,

"parents with

concealed weapons

permits transporting

students cannot leave

the car with their weapons,

and guns by non-parents

transporting students

must be unloaded,

encased or wrapped in a

blanket and locked in a

trunk where all passengers

cannot reach the

guns."

In other words, "Parents can bring a gun, still loaded, but they can't take it out of the car," Jacobs said. Non-parents are even more restricted.

Jacobs called the ruling "a validation of the legislative power in effect to decide as a matter of school district policy whether guns are allowed on the premises or not."

Chief Justice Markman was the only justice who opposed school districts having the preemptive authority to regulate decisions about guns.

The other two who voted against the majority

opinion did so for technical reasons, according to Jacobs, and wrote a separate opinion from Markman's.

"It's important for the public to know that their schools are safer," Jacobs said. "It's important for the public to know there are people out there who will introduce a measure of common sense to the gun debate."

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Building skills for life

An occupational therapist's guide to the art of making great food and friends

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Mixed into Melissa Peters' recipe for lifelong success are ingredients such as communication, flexibility, coping with negative emotions, attention and concentration, building confidence, problem-solving and exercising good judgment. That's why the licensed occupational therapist chose cooking as the focus for her life skills camp, newly opened in her house in Grosse Pointe Park this summer for any child between the ages of 5 and 14 interested in preparing a variety of recipes from scratch, learn about healthy food choices, have fun and make friends along the way.

Peters not only has a passion for cooking, she believes the activity offers a unique opportunity to teach skills essential to



PHOTOS BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Each class begins with an icebreaker activity. Building a paper cup tower, clockwise from upper left, are Melissa Peters, Ryan Tanner, Tim Klatt, Maddie Nyenhuis, Helena Arandoski, Thomas Klatt and Kate Tanner.

success in and outside of the classroom. It also lends itself to group work — an essential part of building interaction and communication skills while teaching young people how to work as part of a team.

"Everything we do is group related," Peters said. "We feel the best way to learn a social skill is by doing it and by practicing it with a group of people."

Her inspiration to offer a camp grew out of her experience merging her

role as an occupational therapist and new mother and "seeing things in a totally new light. I looked at food and health different. I became aware of how guilty I was of making food-related choices based on convenience, not health. I began changing the way I used the kitchen with my kids and have become an expert at getting people of all ages cooking with cool gadgets that make it a fun and engaging process."

She also found her tod-



Maddie Nyenhuis displays her team's freshly minted cupcakes.



Decorating their cupcakes, from left, are Thomas Klatt, Tim Klatt and Ryan Tanner. The boys won the cupcake challenge. The key to their success? A secret ingredient in the frosting — lemon.

dler was able to focus longer cooking with her than playing games.

"My son has a sensory processing disorder and cooking has been my way to work with him to improve his attention, speech listening skills and patience," Peters said. This led to her idea to use cooking to improve basic skills for all children and help them lead happier, healthier lives.

Beginning July 9 through the end of August, Peters offered morning camps Monday through Thursday limited to seven campers per session. Interest was so high and camps filled so quickly, she decided to offer after-school classes in the fall. These theme-oriented ses-

sions include School Snack Attack Sept. 6, Fun with Family Sept. 13 and 28, Sunday Night Dinner Sept. 14, Cupcake Challenge Sept. 15, Pizza Pizzal! Sept. 20, Are You Bready? Sept. 22 and Let Them Eat Cake Sept. 27.

Peters focuses on inclusion and said the classes are open to anyone. She has been able to accommodate children with special needs along with food allergies and restrictions. Her belief is every child, no matter their circumstances, benefits from building problem-solving and social skills in a safe environment where there are no grades and no judgment.

"As an OT, I worked in the mental health arena," Peters said. "Whenever I would do my coping skills groups, people would say, Why don't we learn this in school? Why don't we learn these strategies when we're a kid? Just like we learn math and science, why don't we teach kids how to be assertive, how to manage their emotions, how to handle stress, how to read social cues? ... Everybody can benefit from some of these things."

The camp is located at 1373 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, go to skillsforlifeot.com, call (313) 300-9613 or email skillsforlifeot@gmail.com.

TEACHERS IN THE SUMMERTIME

This article is part of a series on teachers spending time in the summer to enhance their knowledge and enrich their classrooms for the benefit of their students.

Business teachers prepare to offer cybersecurity class

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Erin Moretz is excited to teach a new class in the fall at Grosse Pointe South High School. She joins fellow business teacher Brian Levinson at Grosse Pointe North High School in teaching cybersecurity, added to the curriculum for sophomores, juniors and seniors at both high schools in response to the state's interest in supporting this fast-growing field. According to a recent job report from the Workforce Intelligence Network, Michigan has seen a 414 percent increase in cybersecurity-related jobs since 2010.

Moretz credits Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus and others in the administration and at both high schools for jumping "on the bandwagon" and joining this initiative. Costs for the program will be covered by Career and Technical Education funding from the state.



development and instructor training is in partnership with the Michigan Initiative for Cybersecurity Education.

A core component of the class is understanding the

ethical issues of computer hacking. Students will learn what it means to be "white hat hackers" — computer security specialists who break into protected systems and net-

works to test and assess their security — and learn about cybersecurity from three perspectives — as hackers, defenders of the

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Dr. David Bartolovic is originally from Windsor, Ontario. He is a Michigan Board Certified prosthodontist who has been practicing dentistry in the Metro Detroit area since 2004.

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in London, Ontario, and has also obtained extensive training at Montefiore Hospital in New York, becoming certified in both oral and I.V. conscious sedation.

From a young age, Dr. Dave knew dentistry was his calling. He has an absolute love for his profession and is completely devoted to taking care of each and every one of his patients with the utmost care and concern.

Dr. Dave is happily married and they are expecting the birth of their son in the fall of 2018. He currently lives in Grosse Pointe Woods. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, cooking, barbecuing and traveling with his wife.

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Gift opens door to innovation

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Thanks to a generous donation, construction is underway on three areas of The Grosse Pointe Academy's lakefront campus, opening the door to expanded academic programming.

A \$500,000 joint gift from the Cotton family of Grosse Pointe — the largest to date dedicated to programming, according to school officials — allows GPA to significantly upgrade its facilities as it moves into more experiential academic learning for its students.

"We are grateful to the Cotton family for their generous support of these program-driven facility improvements," said Tommy Adams, GPA's head of school, in a news release. "Our whole community will benefit from these beautiful new spaces, especially our middle school students whose newly developed elective classes will make significant use of these facilities."

The new Center for Creative Studies classroom will include dry-erase walls, flat-screen monitors, mobile work tables, advanced technology, a recording studio and two cooking stations.

The main school building's lower quad area will be transformed into a gathering and learning space for students and will include a new school store managed by students taking the business explorations class. The space will incorporate flexible seating options and flat-screen monitors for class use and display.



RENDERING COURTESY OF GPA

The Academy's new Center for Creative Studies classroom will be open for business for the 2018-19 school year.

Students of all grade levels will have access to this area for both learning and socializing.

Finally, the Academy's existing lower gym will benefit from a comprehensive upgrade, including fresh paint, refinished flooring, flexible seating options, a dynamic projector and screen, improved lighting, new wall padding and wall-covering graphics. These changes will allow the facility to host a wider variety of academic and non-academic activities.

According to Adams, these three designated learning spaces will be redesigned to promote collaboration, problem-solving and creative innovation to better facilitate the middle school's new business explorations, tech ed and life skills classes. The addition of the school's new electives program will provide students more choice and ownership in their learning and expose them to new ways of thinking.

Didi DeBoer, assistant head of school for grades 4-8, views the electives as

an opportunity for middle schoolers to get an edge for high school. Students responsible for running the school store, for example, will learn basics of advertising, marketing, management and entrepreneurship in preparation for high school-level marketing and business classes or participation in clubs like DECA.

DeBoer said she wants students to be excited for high school "and able to build upon what they learned here." Moreover, the cross grade level classes provide an opportunity for them to collaborate with peers as well as work with students "from different grades with different ideas."

"We firmly believe these improvements will provide the space and tools necessary to open new doors of learning and possibility for both students and faculty members," said Adams. "We are grateful to the Cotton family not only for their commitment to this exciting project, but also to the entire educational program at The Grosse Pointe Academy."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ferry Elementary School 4/5 magnet class with teacher James Fisher and para-professional Shelly Kury.

May I take your order?

Students in James Fisher's 4-5 magnet class showed off their skills as restaurateurs June 7. Every other year, Fisher challenges his students to create an American Coney Island as part of a social studies unit on running a business.

"Every year it gets bigger and bigger," Fisher said. "Every year we do it, we give it a new twist." This year's twist was new technology.

To prepare for the big day, students applied for jobs, trained with Fisher and practiced with play food, Fisher said.

They invited community members including mayors, city council members, Grosse Pointe

Public School System administrators and Board of Education members along with Ferry staff and parents to enjoy Coney fare, serving and seating patrons throughout the afternoon. Different jobs included hosts, chefs, cashiers and managers.

The project grew out of Fisher's partnership with his friend Grace Keros, third-generation owner of American Coney Island in Detroit, to create a restaurant for a day. Keros helped by donating and preparing food and Fisher worked with students on business concepts.

The project took off and has incorporated math, technology, research and problem solving along with teamwork and cooperation. Social skills also come into play.

"They get the academics — the technology, the social studies, the math," said Fisher. But it was the little things — "teaching kids to put down the computer and say 'how are you today' ... all the basic communication stuff" — that sets the project apart, in his view.

The restaurant entrepreneurs also learned about philanthropy, donating proceeds to Mittens for Detroit, a nonprofit founded by actress Erin Cummings, another friend of Fisher's.

— Mary Anne Brush

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products are services." In interviewing parents, he probed "past the top layer of Pablum of what people say and what marketing says ... to the real reason" parents choose one school over another.

"It's not about the features and benefits of the school, but what's happening in their life," Moesta said, adding the "product is the thing that helps them make the progress, but it's the consumer who wants the progress. So we look at it as what does the parent want and what do we need to do better?"

While Moesta travels extensively for his work, he took advantage of the proximity of a school down the street from his office on Kercheval and approached Adams about interviewing Academy families to incorporate findings into his study.

Adams said he was familiar with Moesta's work with companies around the world — "from the stealth bomber to Snickers and Milky Way bars." While he enjoyed reviewing quantitative information in his years in admissions — number of inquiries, visits and applications, for example — and understood why this data was important, what

really intrigued him was the psychology behind why people made decisions. Moesta's work tapped into these deeper motivations.

"What was the tipping point? What was it that got a family to choose one school over another? Was it location? Was it safety? ... I became fascinated," Adams said.

The local connection led to an opportunity for the Academy to help lead the way in answering these questions for its own use as well as to help create a prototype for independent schools across the country.

"When we were looking for schools that were going to help us with the first iteration of this process, Tommy was a great choice," Fish said. "He's a great head, very forward thinking, and we had known of him through different channels."

What typically is applied to products and services, the NAIS Lab School Project will apply to independent schools. Their goal is to increase market share in a shrinking demographic among increasing competition. School leaders develop greater insights into the "purchase" process of potential customers — in this case, families seeking the best education for their child.

Said Fish, "This kind of work is an important element in how NAIS wants to work with our schools — the notion that we work with schools; the notion we create cohorts where schools work with each other; and where the lessons learned from one school are able to be shared with other schools."

To begin the process, representatives from each of the five schools, joined by Moesta, met at the NAIS office in Washington D.C., June 27 to 29. A fall retreat is scheduled at the end of September.

"It was an amazing three days of work," said Adams. "I loved every minute of it. It was a very interesting way of looking at the way we do business. Honestly, that's what it really comes down to. We've been not particularly forward looking or strategic — meaning independent schools in general. It's almost like we have to create demand. This is what the lab school project is doing; it's getting us to think more strategically about how we talk about our schools and how we create more demand in the market because we have to understand what our customers are expecting."

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system and system administrators, Moretz said.

Interest in the pilot class is high, with enrollment close to capacity at both high schools. To prepare to meet this demand, Moretz and Levinson attended a weeklong cybersecurity conference at Oakland University June 25 to 29.

"After 13 years of teaching, this was probably the

best conference I've attended," said Moretz. "The days flew by. It was really good, informative and fun thing to be learning about."

Moretz said she will draw materials for the course from a variety of places — from the June conference as well as one she attended in April and through materials available on Schoology, the district's new learning management system.

"Now's the time to jump on board because

the state is throwing all this money on the program to get this started," Moretz said. The average starting salary for a cybersecurity related job is approximately \$170,000, she learned.

Due to the high demand, the state is "trying to get high school kids interested to learn the fundamentals of cybersecurity and hopefully go on to take a college-level course and go on to pursue this field," she said.

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Curtain up North alumni stage performing arts reunion

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Alumni of Grosse Pointe North High School's performing arts programs took a trip down memory lane Saturday, July 7.

Attendees gathered for the school's first all-class performing arts and concert choir reunion in North's Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center to reminisce, celebrate past teachers and even perform.

More than 100 people attended this "first of its kind" event, according to 1988 North alumnus Jim Clor, who organized the event along with classmate Jeff Witzke, "with a lot of help from our friends," according to Witzke.

Attendees from California, Colorado, New York and New Jersey as well as Michigan represented each decade of North's history, from 1970 all the way to a 2018 graduate.

"It was just great to have so many people who represented so many years and so much history," said Clor.

One impetus for the gathering was to honor Ben Walker, North's choir director from 1980 to 1995.

Clor and Witzke, both students of Walker's, noticed "a real resurgence of nostalgia," in particular on Facebook, with North alumni swapping stories about growing up in Grosse Pointe

Among attendees was 1986 alumna Sandra Joseph, the longest running leading lady in Broadway's longest running show. Joseph played the role of Christine Daaé in "The Phantom of the Opera" nearly a decade.

"She flew out to honor Mr. Walker," Clor said. Joseph also performed.

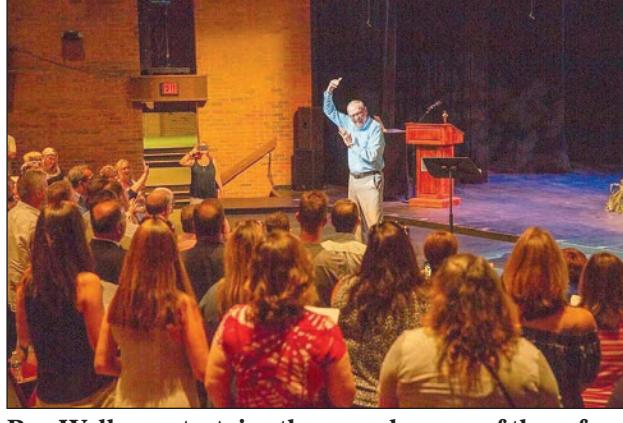


Ben Walker directs attendees in singing "The Hallelujah Chorus."

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Lois Faust Kargenian, left, and Sandra Joseph.



Ben Walker entertains the crowd, many of them former students who returned to North to honor him.



Jeff Witzke, left, and Jim Clor served as emcees for the evening. Planning the reunion together was second nature to the two friends, whose first collaboration was making videos as sixth-graders at Ferry Elementary School.

ing Walker, organizers paid tribute to two non-living icons — Herman Clien, North's first choir director, and Gael Barr, the school's first theater director. Barr served in this capacity from the opening of the theater in 1969 to 2000, directing more than 100 plays,

according to Clor. Clien stepped down due to illness, which was when Walker came on board, initially as a substitute, remaining 15 years until he was offered a position as assistant principal, then principal, at Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Officers band together to replace girl's stolen bike

By Renee Landuyt
Staff Photographer

Early morning Saturday, July 28, someone entered a Grosse Pointe Park garage and stole 11-year-old Alice Popek's bicycle.

The Popek family noticed the missing bike that afternoon. Alice's father, Jack Popek, called public safety and Lt. Jeff Longo came to the house to take the report.

Alice gave Longo a description of the bike and also noted the bike was special to her because it was the last gift she received from her mother, who died last year.

Twenty minutes after



Longo transmitted the information over the radio, City of Grosse Pointe officers called him and said they may have found the bike. Longo

picked up the family and went to The Village, but upon investigation dis-

covered it wasn't Alice's bike.

Longo said Alice's sentiment toward the bike resonated with him, so he decided to buy her a new one. When fellow officers heard why he wanted to buy a new bike, 14 of them from the City and Park also pitched in.

Longo phoned Jack Popek to tell him their plan, but left it a surprise for Alice. That night, Longo and Park Sgt. Mike Miller purchased a new bike.

Sunday, July 29, Alice, her father and younger brother, Jack, were asked to come to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

Wide-eyed and smiling,

Alice Popek hugged and thanked each officer.

"Thank you," she said. "This is the best day of my life."

Park and City Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni, who also pitched in, said, "These officers do great community service all the time, in many ways."

The officers registered Alice's new bike; her brother registered his bike as well.

"We always encourage people to register their bikes with the police, especially when there are so many that look similar and are the same color," Poloni said. "We are pleased Alice's story had such a good ending."

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Assumption's GreekFest returns Aug. 16-19

Assumption Cultural Center's annual GreekFest is a four-day event for the family featuring authentic Greek food, entertainment and culture. GreekFest typically draws more than 12,000 people from throughout the metro area.

This year's GreekFest kicks off Thursday, Aug. 16, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 19.

Festival-goers are treated to live entertainment, Greek dancing, marketplace shopping, church tours, a kids' tent and rides, Greek pastries, a Taverna, surprise celebrities and more.

"GreekFest is a wonderful

event that our entire community looks forward to annually," said GreekFest co-chairman Tom Thomas. "Over 250 volunteers from Assumption and the community really enjoy serving the thousands of people who visit us each year. We have something for everyone; it is truly a family event."

The grand opening ceremony takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16. Dignitaries will be recognized at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which also features the music of Enigma.

Assumption dance groups,

for the Performing Arts, with costumes and dances from regions of Greece, provide entertainment all weekend. Open dancing follows with Assumption dancers teaching Greek dancing throughout the weekend. Audience participation is welcomed.

Festival highlights include authentic Greek cuisine and a drive-thru carryout express station. Menu options are available online at assumptionfestival.com. Call in orders at (586) 596-6326 or (586) 779-8071.

Celebrity appearances

Langton, former Detroit Red Wing John Ogrodnick and a few surprise guests.

The marketplace features vendors from across the United States and Greece selling art, jewelry, clothing and other items.

A grand raffle takes place 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, featuring cash prizes — \$10,000 for first, \$2,500 for second and two domestic airline tickets anywhere in the U.S. for third. Fourth prize is \$500 and fifth and sixth prizes are \$200 each.

Free parking and shuttle service is available. Newly added valet service is provided for a

nominal donation.

GreekFest hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16; 3 to 11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19.

Regular admission is \$2; children younger than 12 are admitted free.

Proceeds benefit Assumption's various outreach programs, as well as Cass Community Social Services.

Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

For information, call (586) 779-6111 or visit assumptionfestival.com.

GPAAS hosts Sunrise Paws in the Park Aug. 11

The boardwalk at Patterson Park will be pounded by paws during the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society's annual Sunrise Paws in the Park fundraiser 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11.

The event, hosted each year since GPAAS began in 1996, welcomes dogs and their owners to the park for a sunrise stroll along Lake St. Clair. GPAAS Executive Director Corinne Martin said, depending on weather, usually around 100 people and their pets participate.

"We have changed the name of the event and location several times, but have been consistent in the Park for the past eight years," Martin said. "Debbie Carmody, one of our longtime volunteers and a schoolmate from Grosse Pointe North, has made this her annual project and does a great job."

Martin said the event usually raises around \$1,000 for veterinary care for animals in the GPAAS adoption program; however, "We typically spend about \$10,000 monthly on veterinary care.

"GPAAS is solely supported by public donations," she continued. "We do not receive any state funding. The only grant that we have received is a reimbursement grant for sterilization. We rely on our community and their generous support to help facilitate the organization's shelter and care of homeless animals."

Patterson Park is located at the foot of Three Mile Drive and Essex in Grosse Pointe Park. Animals must be leashed at all times and Flex-Leashes are not permitted.

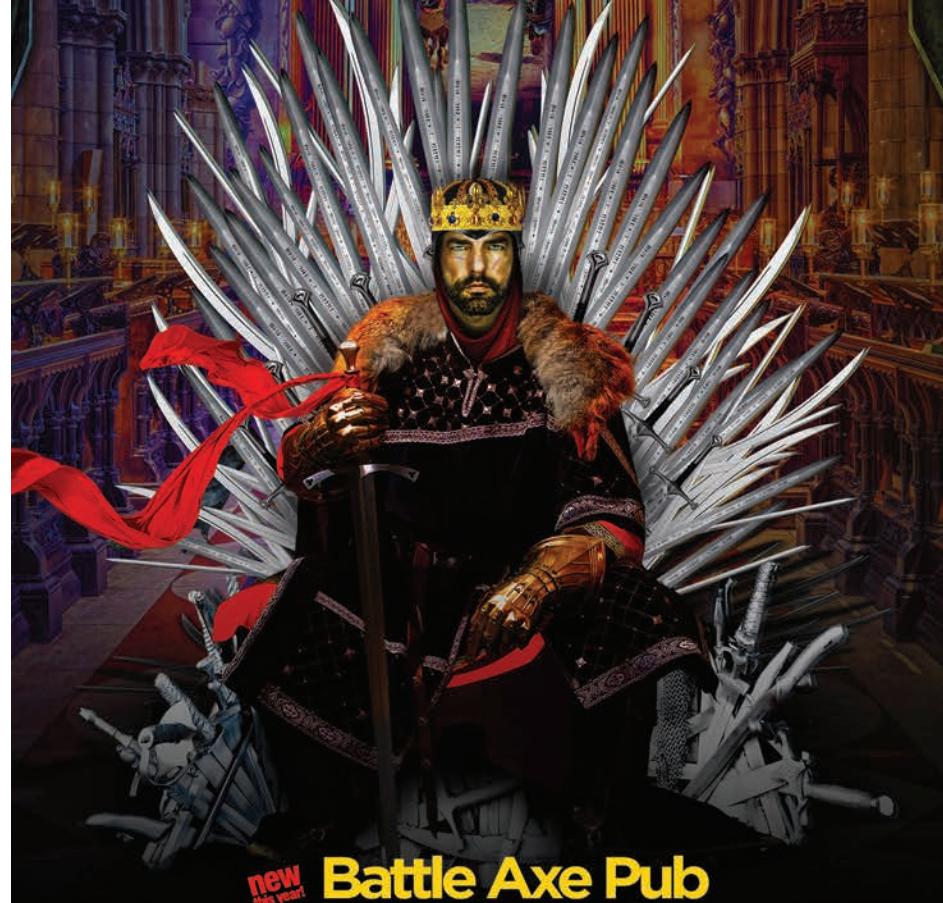
All donations are voluntary.

Sunday, Aug. 12, is the rain date.

"It's really fun for us to see many of our adoptive alumni that show up for this event," Martin said. "It helps all of us feel satisfied to see what was once a homeless dog now thriving in a loving home and going for a walk on the beautiful grounds of Patterson Park."

For more information, visit gpaas.org or call (313) 884-1551.

—Jody McVeigh



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Pete Pullen

Preparing those who learn differently for the school year

Q. How do I prepare my student who learns differently for the new school year?

A. For many students, including those who learn differently, change and transition can be difficult. Every student will be starting a new grade, a new school or both. Those are all significant changes children of all ages experience each year. Students typically struggle in three areas when starting their new school year: 1) organization; 2) anticipating what is coming next and 3) anxiety.

Parents can help their students in these areas by doing the following:

Organization:

◆ Create checklists for school start-up such as for school clothes, school supplies, doctor appointments, school forms, etc.

◆ Work with your student each week on completing the checklists.

Anticipating what is coming next:

◆ Articulate in a simple written outline the new routines your student will experience in

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the year. Include the new morning, after-school and homework routines, etc.

◆ Create a specific time at home each week to talk through the new routines that will occur in the new year.

◆ Prepare a plan for the first day and first week of school. Sometimes students will allow you to role play with them to help with the social and emotional aspects of the first days of school.

Anxiety:

◆ Anxiety impacts each person differently, so it is important to always take the time to help your student verbalize or communicate in some way the sources of their anxiety.

◆ Once the sources of anxiety are identified, help your student secure the needed information or take steps needed to reduce anxiety levels.

◆ Allowing your students to vent about their anxiety can help reduce anxiety when done in a supportive and non-reactive manner.

Pete Pullen is the head of school for Eton Academy in Birmingham. Eton has served the greater Detroit area more than 30 years, educating students in grades 1 to 12 who learn differently. Students may have an identified difference such as dyslexia or ADHD, or need a smaller, more individualized education. Visit etonacademy.org for more information. Eton Academy is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Reunion

Grosse Pointe South High School's class of 1978 welcomes alumni to a 40-year reunion Aug. 10 to 12. Events include a casual evening at Rustic Cabins beginning 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10; tours of South beginning 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, followed by the reunion 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and an afterglow 11 p.m. at Marge's Sports Bar; and "Bagels, Bloody & Buddies" 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at Windmill Pointe Park. Tickets for the reunion are \$50 before Aug. 5, \$60 after. For tickets or information, visit greenvelope.com/event/GPSH1978.

East English Village

The East English Village Association hosts its annual neighborhood-wide garage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, and Sunday, Aug. 12. EEV, consisting of 2,200

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Festivities, fun and fellowship

Senior Men's Club proves age is just a number

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Some members of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club laugh about the reason people don't want to join the group. Men in their 70s, 80s and 90s, they say, don't want to be part of something with "senior" in the title.

However, members like Ken Mokray and John Prost proudly tout their membership and speak happily about the camaraderie and fun they experience belonging to the club, which formed in 1959.

"It's about making connections," said Mokray, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident who joined nearly two years ago. "Socialization is the key to a long life."

Prost, of Grosse Pointe Park and a past president of the club, said making those connections is easy.

"Come to a meeting; your friends are there," he said. "Due to the nature of this fantastic community, they will come and connect."

The nearly 60-year-old club started with 1,000 members. Now there are less than 600, around 400 of whom are considered "active."

Mokray and Prost hope to boost those numbers. Part of the plan is offering a stepped-up meal during meetings, which take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A series of engaging speakers also adds to the draw.

A special membership meeting is planned Tuesday, Aug. 14. Longtime Detroit Lions radio analyst Jim Brandstatter is the featured speaker.

"Bring a guest or multiple guests," Mokray said. "All are invited. And if you join on the spot, you get a copy of the directory ... email blasts of activities and a coupon for a free lunch."

Joining the club costs a one-time initiation fee of \$25, plus \$35 in annual dues.

Lunch costs an additional \$15 per meeting.

Members are asked to wear a jacket and tie to meetings; however, not every gathering is jacketed. The group goes on occasional outings, from professional ball games and theater performances to dinner cruises and dinner dances.

"We're constantly polling members to see what's of interest," Mokray said. "We're trying to add to the menu of activities to keep people interested."

A handful of "sub clubs," members with common interests who break off into smaller groups, are offered as well. Sub clubs include golf, tennis, bowling, bridge and cigars. Investment seminars also are a popular draw.

"We have a good time doing this stuff," Prost said, adding he'd be remiss if he didn't talk about the Senior Men's Chorus. "They sing at every meeting."

"The older you get, the harder it is to make friends," Mokray said. "Maybe you're set in your ways. The idea is to socialize and widen your circle."

Added Prost, "To the same degree, men live longer by being members of something, by having something to do. This is a nice group."

And an interesting group, Mokray said.

One day a speaker didn't show up, so members were asked if anyone wanted to talk. Due to the age range of members — 55 and older — there are a lot of veterans in the club. That day, they were regaled with personal recollections about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"There are all these people with all these experiences that are so interesting," Mokray said.

"You get these stories — stories The War Memorial has been seeking for years," Prost said. "Men generally do not speak about World War II."

The club recently started a foundation, of which Prost is president.

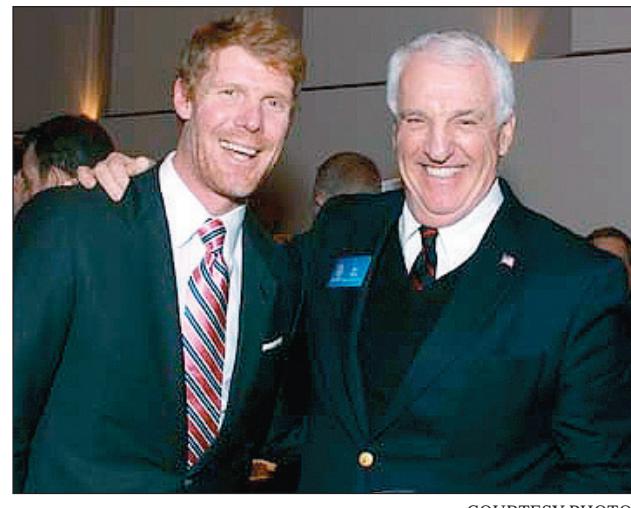
"We're identifying organizations to contribute to, to put money back in the community," Prost said.

"During summer, we invite all the North and South kids who've maintained 4.0 GPA throughout high school," he continued. "If we build up enough money through foundation, we can start giving scholarships. For now, we give certificates."

Mokray and Prost stressed new members always are welcome and shouldn't hesitate to check out a meeting.

"We'd like to see others come," said Prost, who's been a member 17 years. "Everybody does everything in terms of two words — who asks. It's true of senior men. If they're not asked to come, they don't come. They think it's inappropriate to come without being formally invited. I think that's not necessary — we have no problem meeting new people."

For more information, visit seniormensclubofgrossepoinete.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dan Follis, right, with soccer great Alexi Lalas.

Why I joined the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe

By Dan Follis

First, I realized a number of my friends were members and spoke highly of the meetings and activities. So I did a little investigation and found each lunch features an interesting speaker that typically I wouldn't have the chance to hear otherwise. The speakers come from a variety of fields, including local TV and radio broadcasters — Devin Scillian was a recent contributor — and business leaders. Jacque Panis, CEO of Shinola, gave a great talk that highlighted some of his challenges and successes. The club also has featured politicians like Debbie Dingell and Mark Hackel, and one of my favorites, sports figures such as Rich Stenger II, Big Ten and Honorable Mention All-American offensive tackle.

I am also pleased that the SMCGP recently significantly upgraded their luncheon menu to include a buffet of soup, pasta, salad, main entree and desserts. The diner can choose from something very light to a fuller plate with multiple selections.

Another nice luncheon treat is the Senior Men's Chorus provides multiple songs and the pianist entertains with great musical selections while we are able to have the best view of the lake in Grosse Pointe — in The War Memorial ballroom.

Usually each quarter the club promotes a trip that includes visits to places like the Detroit Institute of Arts, river cruises or the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle.

All of the above is enough to validate my joining the Senior Men's Club, but I think you will quickly realize the strongest benefit is the camaraderie and social connections afforded by SMCGP. The opportunity to renew acquaintances and make new friends is best summed up by the club's motto, "Festivities ... Fun ... Fellowship." Come to a meeting and see for yourself.

EVENTS:

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homes and businesses, is located between Harper and Mack and Whittier/Outer Drive and Cadieux. Maps of participating households are available at 4240 Kensington. Last year's sale included antique furniture, outdoor pottery, tools, vinyl records, artwork and vintage clothing. For more information, contact Kathy Roddie at (313) 882-1646 or residential@eastenglishtownvillage.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Rotary

Grosse Pointe Rotary meets 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Phil Gilchrist, executive

director of the Anton Art Center, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Ford House

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Ford House, 1100 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Lakeshore, Grosse Aug. 16. Cost is \$10 for Pointe Shores, hosts the members, \$12 for non-gardening workshop, members. Visit fordhouse.org. "Bee" is for Beneficial,

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Mary D. Bommarito

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary D. Bommarito, 62, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

Born Dec. 23, 1955, in Detroit to Dewey and Catherine Santoro, Mary earned a bachelor's degree and worked as a paraprofessional for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Previously, she was employed in hospitality with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club 25 years. She was the "event planner" for family and friends. Among her friends and colleagues she was known for her laughter and great sense of humor.

Mary is survived by her longtime companion, Carl DeRaedt; daughter, Jennifer; sons, Carl and Anthony; granddaughter, Alexandra (Zachery); sister, Margaret and brothers, Philip (Maureen), James, David, Robert and Dewey.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Martha.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 6 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins, Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Solanus Casey Center at thecapuchins.org.

and played its games at the Pontiac Silverdome. He played and coached for the Michigan Corinthians, a Detroit soccer team, and was instrumental in founding several other teams. He was a voracious lobbyist for the expansion of the World Cup in the 1970s.

He was proud more than 5 million children are registered with the United States Soccer Federation.

He also was an active fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for 16 years and involved with Ladies of Charity.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 6 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church St. Clair Shores.

Chi Constant

Chi Constant passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

She grew up in Arlington, Va., and attended Washington and Lee High School, where she was on the varsity soccer and swim teams. She also was a varsity cheerleader. After graduating in 1985, Chi attended James Madison University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business. While at JMU, she also cheered for the "Dukes." After completing her degree in 1989 and a four-year courtship, Chi married the love of her life, 1st Lt. Harry Constant, USMC.

Chi and Harry settled in El Toro, Calif., four years before being stationed in Beaufort, S.C., Fallon, Nev. and San Diego. During this time, Chi worked in accounting at various businesses and was the director of economic development in Beaufort. Chi traveled extensively to vacation with Harry during his overseas deployments.

Together they visited Italy, France, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Chi was fluent in several languages, which came in handy during their trips to Europe.

Chi is the mother of two beautiful and compassionate girls, Sheridan and Kate. They were the center of her world. She dedicated her life to their happiness and success.

She also instilled in the girls a profound love for animals, having volunteered in dog rescue organizations many years nursing sick and abused dogs back to health and ensuring they found their perfect forever homes. Her family believes when Chi crossed the Rainbow Bridge, she was met by a large group of furry friends, including Sam and Peaches, her first dogs.

Chi loved "being there for her girls" and supporting her husband during his Marine Corps career. She enjoyed decorating her home, meeting friends for Mexican food, shopping and playing with her pups. She was a kind, generous and loving woman who touched many people's lives.

Chi is survived by her

husband of 29 years, Harry, and daughters, Sheridan and Kate. She also is survived by Fozzy Bear, Bella, Grady and Tobe.

A memorial service was Aug. 3, at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.

Additional information can be found on the O'Connor Mortuary website.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bichon Rescue of Orange County at bichonrescueoc.org.

Norman John Rice Jr.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Norman John Rice Jr., 81, passed away Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

Born Nov. 11, 1936, to Norman Rice Sr. and Margaret Murdock Rice, Norman was student council president, in the marching band and part of the football and hockey teams at St. Mary's Academy, Assumption High School and Assumption College. In 1961, he graduated from Detroit College of Law with a juris doctor degree and received his commission into the U.S. Air Force as a JAG officer. In 1962, he married his high school sweetheart, Clementine Hinsperger, and with 56 years together they have had countless adventures.

Norman served as a JAG officer 26 years, retiring as a colonel with dozens of citations and services awards.

The adventures of Clementine and Norman included living in Japan and Asia (during the Vietnam War) and all over the United States, including Utah, Virginia, Texas and finally settling in Michigan. During those years, they had three children whom they raised in Grosse Pointe.

Norman loved his family with all his heart. Whether he was timing a swim meet, cheering from the sidelines or driving a carpool, he was happiest being with his children and five grandchildren. Always up for an adventure, and with a little coaxing from Clementine, Norman lived life to the fullest (at 80 years old they went ziplining), even during his last years battling cancer.

Norman stayed close to his Catholic roots his entire life, serving on church boards, as a Eucharistic minister and greeter at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus more than 25 years, the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and Wittenagemote, which he joined in 1978.

Norman was known for being kind and respectful toward others; as a gentle soul who enjoyed helping others and for his wit and sense of humor.

Norman is survived by his loving wife, Clementine Rice; children, Valerie Fitzsimons, Ann-Margaret Roth (David) and Norman John Rice III (Margaret



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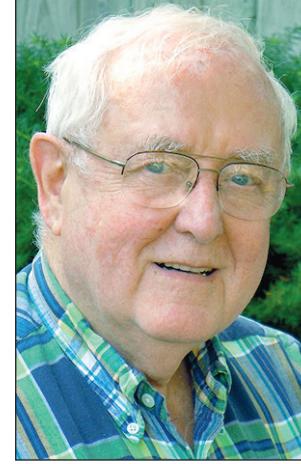
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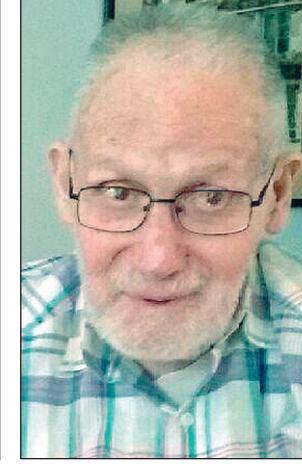
Norman John Rice Jr.



Mary Frances Donahoe



Robert O. Reisig M.D.



Roger Van Der Kar

visitors 10 a.m. until the time of Mass.

She will be buried next to the love of her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hoffmann Hospice at hoffmannhospice.org.

Robert O. Reisig M.D.

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Robert O. Reisig M.D., 92, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

Born Jan. 3, 1926, to Edmund and Grace Reisig, Dr. Reisig was raised in Monroe and graduated from Monroe High School in 1943.

At 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve, training as a naval pilot in Pensacola, Fla., and studying at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

After completing his military service, he attended the University of Michigan Medical School and completed a specialty in ophthalmology at University of Michigan Hospital.

On July 3, 1952, he married Alice McLean and together they raised one son and three daughters.

Dr. Reisig was an avid skier, hunter, fisherman and woodworker and enjoyed playing tennis. A true renaissance man, he spent his free time playing the piano and studying the work of William Shakespeare. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends on Oden Island in Petoskey and Singer Island in Palm Beach Shores, Fla.

Dr. Reisig is survived by his wife of 66 years, Alice M. Reisig; sister, Mary Minugh; son, Dr. Robert O. Reisig Jr. (Tracy Selby); daughters, Janet Cieslak (Russell), Barbara Reisig and Carolyn Cobane (Michael); grandchildren, Katherine and Michael Reisig, Claudia, Robert and Alison Cieslak, Erin and George Cobane and Richard Gallagher (who died at 18 months).

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. Family will greet

Conservancy at landtrust.org or Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation at chmfoundation.org.

Roger Sherman Van Der Kar

Roger Sherman Van Der Kar, 103, died peacefully Sunday, July 29, 2018, at home.

He was born June 21, 1915, in Fruitland, Idaho, to Paul Nathan and Mary Ruth Davis Van Der Kar.

Following the deaths of both parents — his father in 1916 and mother in 1926 — he came to Grosse Pointe to live with his uncle and aunt, Dr. George and Theodora Van Der Kar Fay.

He attended Grosse Pointe schools, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School, where he earned a letter in tennis and served as class valedictorian. Following high school, he attended Colgate University and graduated from Detroit College of Law.

His business career was with the Hanna Furnace Corp., a subsidiary of National Steel Corp. He retired as general manager of sales.

In the early part of World War II, Roger was active in the enlistment of naval aviation cadets. He was commissioned to the amphibious fleet and served on two different Landing Ship, Tanks in the European Theatre of Operations.

Roger enjoyed skiing and sailing. He was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Otsego Ski Club and Detroit Boat Club, where he rowed, sailed and served as commodore.

He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley Hassard, in 2012.

He is survived by his daughter, Laura Roy; son, Michael (Victoria) and grandchildren, Derek and Alex Roy, Sarah Jacques (Casey) and Christopher Van Der Kar.

A memorial service will be 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 14325 Jane St., Detroit MI 48205 or Detroit Industrial School, c/o 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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OBITUARIES:

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William "Bud" McKay

William "Bud" McKay Esq., 95, passed away Friday, July 20, 2018, in Naples, Fla.

Born Jan. 31, 1923, in East Tawas, he was the youngest of five siblings and grew up in the home that now houses the Iosco County Historical Museum.

Bud completed his undergraduate and graduate education at the University of Michigan, graduating from the U of M Law School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Palau, in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

A man of vision and foresight, Bud had an industrious and remarkable career, noted by the number of diverse companies he launched and subsequent patents he held. He served as general counsel for the Detroit Racetrack from 1954 to 1969 and was the

youngest president of the Detroit Racing Association. His entrepreneurial spirit and drive led him to many different endeavors worldwide, including starting several real estate developments and one of the first biometric security system companies in the United States. He retired at 88, after the sale of his last venture, Jancy Engineering, a cutting tool company.

Bud met his soulmate, best friend and loving wife, Cathy, in 1983. Their love of Florida brought them to Naples in 2011, where they welcomed visiting children, grandchildren and friends at their home.

Bud will be remembered as a consummate professional and gentleman, for his dry sense of humor and wit, soft demeanor and endearing humility.

Bud is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughters, Linda (Richie), Leslie and Pili (David); grandchildren, Bud Jr. (Molly), Maggie, Molly (Matthew), Sarah, Toni, Ethan and Ava and great-

grandchildren, Scott and Reynolds.

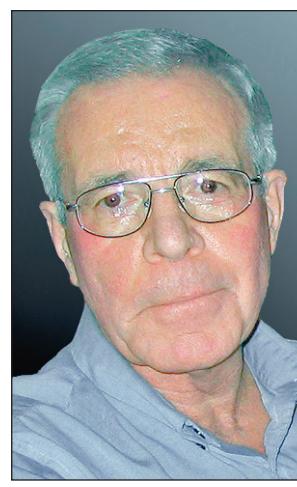
He was predeceased by his two sons, Rayburn Lloyd "Scott" and William C. "Bill" and siblings, Lloyd, Rose Mary, Neil and Hettie Jean.

Ronald Rhea Gilbert

Ronald Rhea Gilbert passed away Saturday, July 28, 2018, in his home in Linden. He was 75.

Born Dec. 29, 1942, in West Carrollton, Ohio, Ron attended Whittenberg University and earned a law degree from the University of Michigan. An accomplished attorney, Ron advanced aquatic safety and established legal and safety standards around the nation. He established the Foundation for Aquatic Injury Prevention and dedicated his professional life to aiding and protecting those injured.

For much of his adult life Ron resided in Grosse Pointe Farms, while working from the Penobscot building in Detroit. Later in life, he



Ronald Rhea Gilbert

relocated both his residence and legal office to the Fenton/Linden area, where he was an avid participant in community events.

Ron took joy in outdoor activities, University of Michigan athletics, the Jedi spirit from Star Wars and, most of all, his family. His humor, wit and compassion will be greatly missed.

Ron is survived by his daughters, Liz (Charlie), Lynne (Sean) and Lisa (Randy) and granddaughter, Samantha.

A memorial service was Aug. 4, at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By the Rev. Sean Motley

God will never leave you with 'no signal'

I turned on the television this morning and was greeted by the message, "no signal." I found this to be disappointing as I know there's a signal, it's just not being properly received or decoded or some other technical issue. However, it reminded me of a time I was struggling with a number of issues, feeling down, alone and as if God simply was not there. I felt like there was "no signal."

That was not true. The signal was there. God was there, I just wasn't recognizing it. I wasn't listening; I was missing it. I called my brother-in-law, who at the time was a Roman Catholic priest, and asked him to pray for me. It was in this moment I realized I, myself, could pray and God would hear even if I did not hear a response and how important it is to be with brothers and sisters in Christ.

It is most certainly true God is our refuge and a present help in troubles (Psalm 46) and nothing in all the world can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8). There is never a time when God abandons us and leaves us on our own. Even if it feels like there is "no signal," God is still there. God has claimed us, made us his children and heirs of the kingdom and this is and will always be true. Also, there are times we feel alone, like it is us against the world and the presence of God feels less like an embrace and more like we simply are receiving "no signal," which is why we need our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We need to be a part of a worshipping community. We need a brother who will pray for us, a sister who will console us, a hymn that lifts us up, a brother or sister who speaks God's word and reminds us of God's enduring presence and fathomless love. We need the church, our brothers and sisters, through whom the Holy Spirit is at work, so when we feel there is "no signal" we are assured God has not gone off the air and is with us always.

Be assured there will never be a moment with God where there is "no signal" for God will never leave you, nor forsake you (Hebrews 13) and join with your brothers and sisters to praise and worship God and build one another up in faith.

Motley is the pastor of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

'Christmas Carol' auditions scheduled

Auditions for the musical "A Christmas Carol" take place 6:30 p.m. for children and 7:30 p.m. for adults Tuesday, Aug. 21, in the basement choir room at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier,

Grosse Pointe Woods. The production takes place Friday, Nov. 9, through Sunday, Nov. 11, in The Luther Center at First English.

Rehearsals take place Sunday and Tuesday evenings, until tech week

with the orchestra.

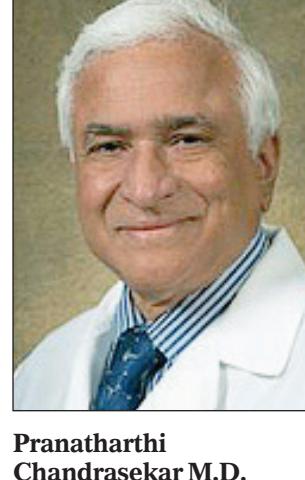
Those auditioning should be prepared to sing a portion of a song of their choosing and will be required to read a short portion of the script, which will be provided.

A variety of roles are available. Volunteers are needed for the technical crew, lighting, decorating, scenery, costuming and makeup. Email Bob Foster at rhfosterjr@comcast.net for information.

Farms resident honored at Wayne State gala

The Wayne State University School of Medicine celebrates its 150th anniversary throughout 2018 with several signature events, including special library exhibits, a research symposium and its Sesquicentennial Celebration Gala Saturday, Sept. 22, at the MGM Grand Detroit.

Several distinguished alumni and community members will be honored, among them Pranatharthi Chandrasekar M.D., who will receive the Ambassador Award honoring individuals or corporations who, through acts and deeds, epitomize the spirit of Wayne State University and the School of Medicine. Known as "Dr. Chandra"



Pranatharthi Chandrasekar, M.D.

dent, Chandrasekar has been an invaluable member of the School of Medicine faculty since 1983. A professor of internal medicine and infectious diseases specialist, Chandrasekar, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, has been praised by his peers, mentees and patients for his vision and zeal for humanitarian concerns.

From 1993 to 2014, he served as the Infectious Disease Fellowship Program director. In 2014, Chandrasekar was appointed chief of infectious diseases. He is known among his peers as the "Father of Infectious Diseases in

India," because of his work establishing and facilitating the Clinical Infectious Diseases Society of India.

Throughout his career, Chandrasekar continues to serve the students, residents and fellows under his tutelage. He was awarded the Wayne State University College Teaching Award in 2017 and the Michigan Infectious Disease Society's Clinician Teaching Award in 2015. Since 2010, he has been named a "Top Doc" by Hour Detroit Magazine and has been recognized as one of the "Best Doctors in America" since 2000.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts Rally Day '18 at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. The casual youth-led worship event features a bounce house. Call (313) 884-5040.

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Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

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GPPL hosts ice cream social

To thank the community for participating in the Grosse Pointe Public Library's summer reading program, all three branches are hosting an ice cream social 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10.

"We increased participation 53 percent this year with more than 1,600 kids and adults signing up for summer reading," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "Our librarians did an amazing job and the community's and school's support made a huge impact to help reduce the summer slide."

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RUNNING

Marathon man

Grosse Pointer excels in marathon in city by the Bay PAGE 2C

Swimming

LOCHMOOR CLUB

Lochmoor wins another crown

Red Run Golf Club hosted the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Championship meet the weekend of July 27.

The Lochmoor Sea Dragons entered the meet with an undefeated dual meet record and took aim at dethroning the defending champs from Great Oaks.

Lochmoor started the meet by breaking the 27-year-old 8U freestyle relay record as the team of Jacob Rabbani, Tyler Collins, Ella Hafner and Nicole McEnroe had a winning time of 1:06.62.

They generated a lot of positive momentum for the Sea Dragons as the record was thought to be impossible to break due to the fact that it was set in a time period when all swimmers could dive at both ends of the pool.

The relay team broke the record by more than a full second, using two swimmers with a water push-off start.

The boys freestyle relay team of Charlie Bronk, Ben Kallabat, PK Nugent and Ian Donahue pulled off an upset by defeating Great Oaks to repeat their win from last season. This helped



PHOTO BY MIKE MOUSIGIAN

The 2018 MISCA dual and league meet champions from Lochmoor Club.

Lochmoor maintain their momentum.

In addition, the girls freestyle relay team of Ava Villani, Ava DeCoste, Sophia Kapla and Alyssa Carlino took fourth place.

Throughout the meet, Lochmoor amassed an impressive 19 individual wins and four relay titles.

They swept all of the 10U boys events and won 15 of the 22 events in the 10U age group. The swimmers established eight club records at the meet.

The Sea Dragons became only the second team to score more than 1,000 points in a six-lane

pool. Lochmoor also did it in 2011. The Sea Dragons needed all 1,002 points this year to beat a very strong Great Oaks squad, which finished with 979 points.

The 8U group was a dominant force for Lochmoor. On the girls side, McEnroe was a dou-

ble winner, taking the 25-breaststroke and 25-backstroke, while Gabriella Hafner added a win in the 50-freestyle and third place in the 25-freestyle.

Aubrey Lindow was third in the 50-freestyle, while Summer Wright added a fifth place in the

25-backstroke.

For the boys, Collins led the way with wins in the 50-freestyle and 25-butterfly. Christian Azoury won the 25-breaststroke and placed 10th in the 25-freestyle. Rabbani was fifth in the 50-freestyle and fourth in the 25-freestyle.

Brady Bond helped with a seventh-place finish in the 50-freestyle and ninth in the 25-butterfly. Donnie McSkimming took fourth in the 25-backstroke and seventh in the 25-butterfly. James Wesley added a fifth in the 25-backstroke.

In the 10U Division, Lochmoor dominated the boys side by winning all six events. Stanton Kapla took the 50-breaststroke and 100-individual medley, while Dane Lezotte won the 50-backstroke and 25-butterfly.

Bronk was victorious in the 50- and 100-freestyles, and Alejandro Delgado added a fourth in the IM and seventh in the backstroke.

Joe Karoutsos helped by finishing eighth in the 100-freestyle and 11th in the 50-freestyle. Nadeem

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Theros picks to be serious student

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Course at Michigan State University, and 73-75 for 148 as a sophomore at Katke Golf Course at Ferris State University. Theros earned All-State honors for his tie for fifth place in 2016.

"We had the dream team this season, and everyone wanted to beat us," Theros said. "It was nice to have a target on our back because we knew we had a good team, and we had experience. This experience really helped once we got to the playoffs."

Theros played a lot of junior golf tournaments during the summers before his junior and senior years. It was during these tournaments where Theros was recruited. His scores were near the top of the leader boards, and college coaches took notice.

"I took golf pretty seriously, thinking it would be fun to play it in college," he said. "However, I didn't want golf to take away from my studies in college, and I know it would, so in the end academics steered my decision."

He spent a lot of time thinking about all aspects of being a student-athlete at a Division 1 school or just being a student. His parents, Louis and Patti Theros, helped him during this process.

"My mom and dad wanted me to play sports, but they understood how important it is to focus on academics," Theros said. "They were behind me 100 percent."

"Patti and I loved watching our boys compete and we will very much miss it when Evan is no longer playing competitive golf," Louie Theros said. "I loved walking the course as Evan played, cheering him on, and sometimes looking for the ball. I walked at all the state championship tournaments that our sons played in — six straight years. To think that by the age of 15 after playing golf seriously for only about 3 1/2 years Evan finished fifth in the state championship as a sophomore is remarkable."

"I still believe he's just scratching the surface about how good he can be."

Theros recently shot 68 to earn co-medalist honors at a Michigan Jr. Amateur qualifier and played in it the week of July 23.

"In the end, Evan made the decision that academics would take the lead, and if he couldn't play golf at a school that offered him the academic opportunities he desired, he would forego golf and focus on school," Louie



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Evan Theros with his father, Louie Theros, after Grosse Pointe South won the Division 1 boys golf state championship in early June.

Theros continued. "Evan once told me that he loves golf and if he played in college it will be on his terms. Maybe club golf at Michigan; maybe not. Either way, I will definitely miss it, but I respect Evan's decision. It is a life-long skill he will be able to use in his business and with his family."

His older brother, Jonathan, is a junior at Michigan, and his experience at the college helped the decision become clearer.

Theros's best round is a 67, and he will still be able to play the sport during his college days.

During the winter months, he played on the South boys varsity ice hockey team.

During his senior season, Theros scored three goals and had two assists in the 13 conference games, and eight goals and six assists in 25 overall games.

He began playing hockey at age 4, playing for a couple of organizations before settling in with the Blue Devils high school program under head coach Bobby McKillop.

"I like hockey, but I was a better golfer, so that is the sport I focused on more during high

school," Theros said. "It was fun each year going from the tough, physical game of hockey, to the mental game of golf. Golf is a game I can play forever."

While at Michigan, Theros will major in economics.

He wants to pursue a career in investment banking, and he moves to his dormitory the final week of August.

He is an avid sports fan, and said he can't wait to head to the Big House as a student to watch the football games, starting with the Wolverines' home opener at noon Saturday, Sept. 8.

Three-sport standout

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

George heading to Pittsburgh

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Anthony George is taking The Pitt by the horns as he prepares for the next challenge ahead of him — college.

The three-sport standout at University Liggett School is heading to the University of Pittsburgh to pursue a business degree.

His other choices were Providence, Villanova, Butler, Xavier and Marquette.

He was recruited to play baseball from smaller schools, but chose to attend the bigger Pittsburgh and be a student.

"My older brother, John, just graduated from Butler, so I know what that school is about, and I went to Marquette, too," said George, 18. "Once I was on campus at Pittsburgh, I looked around and said this is where I want to go."

"I love the city of Pittsburgh, and the school has everything I want. I'll get a great

degree and meet a lot of new friends along the way. I can't wait to start."

After spending his entire life competing in sports, George might try to walk on to the baseball team, or play intramural.

George enjoyed a successful senior season in his sports, soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring. He earned All-Catholic League honors in each, while making All-State Honorable Mention as the Knights' goalkeeper.

On the soccer field as a senior, George recorded five shutouts, and had a goals against average of 1.2.

"He was an incredible leader on and off the field," said David Dwaihy, the boys soccer head coach. "To put it simply, he is one of the most well-rounded athletes I have ever seen at the high school level.

Whether on the field, court, or diamond, he plays the game with skill, class and unselfishness,



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

University Liggett School graduate Anthony George enjoyed a lot of success on the basketball court during his four years as a Knight.

and I have seen few athletes as simultaneously gifted and hard-working as Anthony."

On the basketball court, George averaged 18.6 points, 4.4 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 3.6 steals per game for head coach Chris Housey and the Knights. He also took 17 charges on the defensive

end of the court.

"Anthony is a coach's dream on the floor," Housey said. "He works incredibly hard in practice, always knows the situation, is an incredible leader, and holds himself and his teammates accountable.

"For as great of a player he is, however, he is an

even better person and student. He excelled in a challenging academic environment and was a leader among his classmates. He is one of the most genuine and most polite young men I have ever coached."

During his high school career, one shining moment was when he helped the Knights win on senior night his final year.

"It was a great night and a great atmosphere in the gym," George said. "All of us came together to win a big game. It was an emotional win, that is for sure."

On the baseball diamond, George earned several victories on the mound, and was one of the leading hitters. He also helped the Knights win a state title his sophomore year.

"Winning the state title was also a great moment," he said. "It was a tough ending to this season, losing to one of our rivals in the districts, but I'm happy for them since I played with and

against a lot of those South players growing up."

With George shifting from a die-hard athlete to a Panther sports fan, his time management will be different, too.

"I'm going to do what I can athletically at the school, but now my main focus is on school, studying hard," George said. "It will be funny not playing a sport, but it won't take long to get into student-mode."

He gets a ton of support from his father, John, and mother, Heidi, as well as his older brother, John, who is a young business entrepreneur. He also has a younger brother, Alex, who is an incoming freshman at Liggett.

"My mom and dad have been at every game since I was a kid, and they were behind me 100 percent when I decided to go to Pittsburgh," George said. "It's not too far away, so if I need to come home or they want to come visit, it's just about 4 1/2 hours away."

SWIM:

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Huarani placed ninth in the 100-freestyle and 12th in the 50-freestyle. Brady Collins added a fourth in the 50-freestyle

and eighth in the 50-breaststroke.

The girls added a pair of wins from Clare Hafner in the 50-breaststroke and 25-butterfly. Villani won the 100-IM and placed third in the 50-backstroke, while Lorelei Carr added a fifth

in the IM and fourth in the backstroke.

Kallabat helped with a 10th-place finish in the backstroke and 12th in the 50-freestyle. Sarah Dragich came through with a sixth-place finish in the 50-breaststroke.

For the 12U group,

Brooke Lezotte was the leader with a pair of wins in the 50-backstroke and 50-freestyle. Jack Howe added a title in the 50-breaststroke and took fifth in the IM.

DeCoste finished with a pair of second-place finishes in the 100-freestyle and 100-IM, and Elle Quinlan was ninth in the breaststroke and eighth in the 100-freestyle.

Maggie McSkimming helped the point totals with a fifth in the backstroke, while Michael Eugenio took second in the 100-freestyle and fourth in the 50-butterfly. Kallabat finished fourth in the 50- and 100-freestyles, and Tommy Moreland placed seventh in the 50-backstroke and third in the 100-IM.

Ian Donahue led the way for the 14U squad with a win in the 100-IM and runner-up in the 50-butterfly. Grace Wesley was second in the 100-freestyle and fourth

in the 100-IM. Kapla added a pair of fifth-place finishes in the 100-free-style and 100-IM.

Emilia Bronk placed eighth in the backstroke, while Lindsey Caldwell was eighth in the 100-IM.

Gianni Carlino placed fourth in the 100-free-style and sixth in the 100-IM.

Aidan Lezotte was fifth in the backstroke and eighth in the IM. Ben Bessert helped with a fourth in the backstroke and sixth in the 50-free-style.

Alex George won the consolation heat of the 50-free-style, which was seventh, and was second in the 50-breaststroke.

Aidan Quinlan had a third-place finish in the breaststroke.

Alyssa Carlino led the 15-17U team with a third place in the breaststroke and fourth in the IM, while Katie Flynn finished seventh in the IM and 11th in the 100-free-style. Kilei Broad added

an eighth-place finish in the 100-IM, and Nugent took seventh in the backstroke and ninth in the 50-free-style.

Drew Gallant finished seventh in the 50-free-style and eighth in the 100-IM.

The medley relays got exciting when the team of Wright, Azoury, Donnie McSkimming and Lindow moved from third in the preliminaries to first place in the finals by cutting five seconds off their time.

The team of Brooke Lezotte, Wesley, Flynn and Clare Hafner won the medley relay, while the meet ended with a strong boys medley relay squad of Dane Lezotte, George, Gallant and Eugenio taking fourth.

This is the 14th MISCA title and 16th dual meet title for Lochmoor since 2002. Lochmoor is coached by Kevin Hafner, Christina Hafner, Ben Winn and J.T. Bujold.

—Kevin Hafner

Running

GROSSE POINTE FARMS



PHOTO COURTESY OF SURESH RAGHAVAN

Running man

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Suresh Raghavan, right, recently won his age group of the BioFreeze San Francisco Second Half Marathon, finishing the course in a time of 1:30.42. The 52-year-old Raghavan competed in the 50-and-over division, winning his bracket by a little more than one second over Tony Riley of San Francisco. He said he took up running four years ago to lose weight, and turned that into running a 5K and two half marathons in Detroit and Ann Arbor, finishing in the top 10 in both those races.

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